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Britain may be frozen out by hostile EU

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND JILL SHERMAN

AN EMOTIONAL attack on London by Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, raised the pressure in the beef war yesterday and cast vivid light on the way John Major's obstruction campaign over beef is fuelling continental ideas for sidelining Britain in a new-look European Union.

Up to 100 Tory backbenchers are also expected tomorrow to exploit the deteriorating relations with Brussels by backing a Bill calling for a referendum on Britain's future role in Europe. Tory Euro-sceptics were incensed by Mr Santer's intervention but argued that it offered ammunition for their case and would strengthen tomorrow's backbench rebellion.

Bill Cash, a leading Euro-sceptic, seized on Mr Santer's words in an attempt to rally support for his Bill. "This man is no more than an unelected bureaucratic official," he said. "He really does not have any kind of democratic status whatever and it is monstrous that someone like that should be dictating terms to us."

However, because of government opposition, Mr Cash's ten-minute-rule Bill is unlikely to make progress. If it were to be successful, it would have no hope of becoming law this session because the Government is not obliged to make parliamentary time for it.

Nevertheless, a big rebellion of Tory MPs would be highly embarrassing for the Government because it would highlight party splits and increase pressure for a more hardline approach towards Brussels over the future development of Europe.

Mr Santer's blast, in which he spoke of an approaching "moment of truth" if Britain contined to sabotage EU business, testified to the extreme exasperation which the Government's beef tactics are generating in all 14 other member states and the Commission. "We are going as far as the limit of our possible tolerance and all the members' tolerance," the normally emollient Mr Santer said in an interview in *The Observer*. People were now asking, he said, whether "Europe would be better off without Britain".

The blocking drive has inflamed longstanding frustration with Britain's approach to Europe, prompting universal condemnation and widespread public anger. In so doing, it is spurring schemes, backed by the more federal-minded states, for a multi-speed EU that would keep Britain at arm's length from an inner core. The schemes are circulating at the inter-governmental conference negotiations for revising the Maastricht treaty. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign secretary, attends the latest IGC round in Luxembourg today.

Last night British ministers tried to play down Mr Santer's comments in a deliberate attempt to lower the temperature. Although they refused to respond directly to his remarks, they made clear that the policy of non-cooperation would continue until the EU agreed to a framework to lift the ban on British beef.

The strongest outburst so far from Mr Santer was aimed at jolting the Government out of an intransigent attitude that threatens to derail the EU summit in Florence at the end of next week, EU officials said yesterday. Like many diplomats from states friendly to Britain, Mr Santer is worried that patience with Britain's odd-man-out approach is close to snapping.

Portugal, an old ally, has joined Germany in the hard-line camp over beef. President Chirac, who sided with Mr Major in the drive to lift the beef by-products ban, has shifted back towards Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

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David Ward, who donated part of his liver to his daughter Lani, was made "Dad of the Year" yesterday. Page 3

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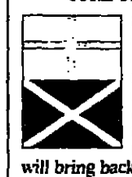
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Anti-Mitchell Unionists threaten to disrupt talks

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

UNIONISTS are threatening to disrupt today's historic all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland in protest at the appointment of George Mitchell, the former American senator and President Clinton's ally, as the overall chairman.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, will try to block the appointment when the two Prime Ministers, John Major and John Bruton, formally hand over the proceedings.

John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionists, used blunt language last night to register his opposition to Mr Mitchell. As he arrived for a meeting with Mr Mitchell, the MP for Strangford said: "I see him very much in the American Irish camp coming to preside over talks about the future of Northern Ireland. It is the equivalent of appointing an American Serb to preside over talks about the future of Croatia."

The IRA faced overwhelming pressure on both sides of the Irish border to renew its ceasefire that would allow Sinn Fein to join the talks at the Stormont Castle buildings. Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Primate of All Ireland, said that Sinn Fein's absence would be regrettable. He led the calls for peace with a blunt message to the IRA that it faced a "moral obligation and political imperative" to act.

His calls were echoed by an opinion poll in the Dublin *Sunday Tribune* which showed that 97 per cent of the people of Northern Ireland wanted an IRA ceasefire. The poll also found that 84 per cent of Sinn Fein's supporters wanted a ceasefire.

Sinn Fein refused yesterday to be drawn on whether the IRA would renew its ceasefire. Martin McGuinness, the party's chief negotiator, repeatedly refused to say on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* whether he had called on the IRA to restore its ceasefire.

A senior republican source said that there was still a chance that the IRA would declare a ceasefire to allow Sinn Fein to join the talks, although possibly not in time for today's opening ceremony. The source said that Sinn Fein was encouraged by Mr Mitchell's appointment.

☐ A man shot dead in West Belfast last night was believed to be the fifth victim of the bloody internal feud within the Irish National Liberation Army. Republican sources in West Belfast indicated that the man was murdered by supporters of Gino Gallagher, the INLA's former chief-of-staff, who was was shot dead in January.

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Britons left in Miami after refusing to fly 'unsafe' jet

BY DAVID ADAMS IN ORLANDO AND EMMA WILKINS

A GROUP of 91 British holidaymakers were left at Orlando airport in Miami with just their hand luggage yesterday after refusing to board a flight home because they believed the jet was unsafe. The flight had earlier been delayed by technical problems.

Charter operator Excalibur Airways reassured 246 other passengers that the DC10 was safe and they arrived in Manchester yesterday morning after the 4,000-mile flight.

The passengers who stayed, including some children, spent the night in the departure lounge. They were told they had no right to seats on another plane and would have to pay for their flight home.

David Goldberg, from Doncaster, who paid for his pregnant wife, Susan, to fly home on a later Virgin flight said: "This has turned into a complete nightmare. We have been left with just the clothes we are standing in, virtually no money and apart from soft drinks and packets of nuts we have been supplied with absolutely zero."

Passengers said problems began before they boarded the flight. They watched as emergency crews wearing gas masks boarded the plane, causing a five-hour delay. When passengers eventually boarded they noticed reading lights flashing above the seats. As the plane began to taxi to the runway, they said they could smell burning.

"Between rows 30 and 35, there was smoke coming through the air-conditioner vents," said Tony Eastlake, 46, from the Isle of Man. He said he and several other passengers demanded to be allowed off before Captain Hugh Jones announced that they were returning to the terminal.

Two hours later, after engineers traced the problem to the air-conditioning system, the plane was declared safe and passengers were asked to board again. But despite personal assurances from Captain Jones, 91 of them decided the plane was not safe and decided to remain in Orlando.

The captain addressed the passengers in small groups. He warned them that they faced paying for alternative seats if they refused to board. "I tried to reassure the passengers that my prime concern was safety," he said. "I tried to tell them that I wouldn't have gone on board, because I value my own life and those of my crew and passengers, if I wasn't completely satisfied that it was safe. Even so, they decided to stay behind."

Duty free goods were removed for the 91 passengers. However, flight officials refused to remove their luggage.

"They were trying to use

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Disappointing England start

After England's disappointing 1-1 draw with Switzerland at the start of Euro 96, Spain and Bulgaria drew 1-1 at Leeds in a game in which a player from each side was sent off. Germany, the favourites, beat the Czech Republic 2-0 ..... Pages 25-29

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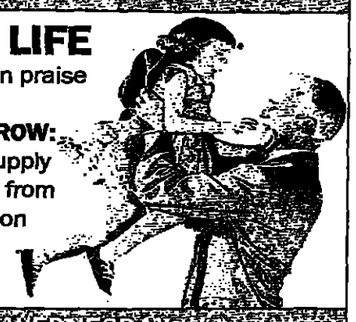
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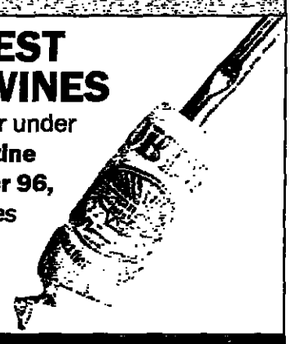


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Who wants what from Irish peace talks

By Nicholas Watt
Chief Ireland Correspondent

JOHN MAJOR and John Bruton will open the historic all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland at Stormont at 2pm today.

Nine political parties — excluding Sinn Fein if the IRA refuses to restore its ceasefire — will sit around a table as the two Prime Ministers hand over the chairmanship to George Mitchell, the former US senator. The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, is threatening to block Mr Mitchell's appointment at this point, arguing that he is too sympathetic to the nationalists.

If Mr Mitchell does take over, he will then call on every political party formally to declare their commitment to the six principles of non-violence outlined in his commission's report on terrorist arms. The opening session, which could last weeks, will follow a timetable laid down by Britain and Ireland:

☐ Appointment of business committee to co-ordinate talks, chaired by General John de Chastelain, a member of Mr Mitchell's commission.
☐ Political parties will make opening statements setting out their positions on core issues.
☐ Discussion of "comprehensive agenda".
☐ Mr Mitchell will chair sub-committee on arms while the general chairs committee on Northern Ireland's relations with the Irish Republic. The British Government will oversee committee on internal affairs of Northern Ireland, while the two Governments will chair committee on Anglo-Irish relations.
☐ The main plenary will meet again at the end of September.
☐ Four men were still being held yesterday by police investigating the IRA bomb in London's Docklands in February. Two men have been freed.



David Trimble, Ulster Unionist Party (which won 24.2 per cent of vote in May 30 election), insists that talks cannot move beyond opening session until IRA and loyalists begin to disarm. Unhappy with George Mitchell's chairmanship of talks because UUP believes his close association with President Clinton makes him sympathetic to nationalists. Rejects 1995 Anglo-Irish framework document, which would set up power-sharing executive in Ulster and cross-border bodies with Dublin.



John Hume, Social Democratic and Labour Party (21.4 per cent) wants the IRA to "lay down its arms for ever" but takes a softer line on decommissioning. He says Unionists are wrong to demand decommissioning as talks begin, but that republicans are equally wrong to say it cannot happen until the conclusion of talks. Believes that framework document provides best hope for settlement. Will join the talks without Sinn Fein, but is unlikely to reach serious agreement with other parties until Sinn Fein joins.



Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist Party (18.8 per cent), will not talk to Sinn Fein until IRA has disbanded. Will reject a snap IRA ceasefire as cynical ploy to win Sinn Fein a seat at talks. Rejects Mr Mitchell as "envoy of a foreign government" and will try to displace him at today's opening session. Angry that John Bruton will preside at opening ceremony with John Major. Rejects framework document. Will resist any attempt to negotiate Northern Ireland's position within United Kingdom.



Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein (15.5 per cent). Says party should be admitted to talks on its share of vote. Rejects demand for IRA ceasefire as unacceptable "precondition". Insists that decommissioning can take place only as part of overall settlement. Encouraged by appointment of Mr Mitchell because Sinn Fein wants Northern Ireland problem to be "internationalised". Accepts the six Mitchell principles of non-violence. Welcomed framework document but sees it as interim settlement on way to united Ireland.



John Alderdice, Alliance (6.5 per cent), supports Mitchell conclusion that weapons should be decommissioned during talks. Encouraged by peace process but fears SDLP and Sinn Fein are trying to build "nationalist consensus" to defeat Unionism. Gave a guarded welcome to the framework document. Wants a Bill of Rights.



Bob McCartney, United Kingdom Unionists (3.7 per cent). Will not talk to Sinn Fein or loyalist parties with links to paramilitaries until terrorist groups have disbanded. Takes similar tough stance on constitutional issues as the Democratic Unionists. Hopes to attract Roman Catholics to his party because he wants non-sectarian Union. Rejected framework document.



David Ervine, Progressive Unionist Party (3.5 per cent), has links with Ulster Volunteer Force. Insists UVF will not decommission until IRA disarms. Says Sinn Fein can join talks only if IRA declares ceasefire. Responded positively to framework document, but insists any weakening of Ulster's position within United Kingdom will undermine loyalist ceasefire.



Gary McMichael, Ulster Democratic Party (2.2 per cent) has links with Ulster Defence Association. Same position on decommissioning as Progressive Unionists. More wary of framework document for giving such a large role to Dublin. Party has a freer hand at talks than PUP because it has better relationship with UDA than PUP has with Ulster Volunteer Force.



Monica McWilliams, Women's Coalition (1.03 per cent). Wants to break from traditional "Orange and Green" politics and redress the imbalance in low numbers of women in NI politics. Malachi Curran, Labour (0.85 per cent). Unofficial Labour because British party does not organise in province. Campaigned to reject "stale sectarian politics".

Hostile EU may freeze Britain out

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after sounding off to visitors on what he saw as the folly of Mr Major's campaign.

Jean-Luc Dehaene, Prime Minister of Belgium, said over the weekend that Europe would never yield to "British blackmail". The word "blackmail" is also being wielded by officials from the Nordic states which are Britain's soulmates in many EU matters. A senior British diplomat in Brussels said that Britain's desire was a rapid return to business as usual. "This policy is intended to be a lever, not a bludgeon," he said. The best outcome would be a decision by EU leaders at the Florence summit on a framework for winding down the ban, which would then be administered by the Brussels Commission. Officials from Italy and the Irish Republic, the present and next holders of the EU presidency, are busy sounding out possible compromises. However, resistance is so stiff from Germany and its allies that all the signs are pointing to a Florence debacle.

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Britons left stranded in Miami

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emotional blackmail on us," said Keith Jaram, 42, an electrical engineer from Doncaster. "There were kids screaming 'Don't take us on the plane'."

Mr Goldberg, 30, said: "We noticed a terrible smell. It seemed like something electrical and burning. Finally smoke came out of the air-conditioning ducts. All the lights in the cabin were flashing — it was a bit like a disco."

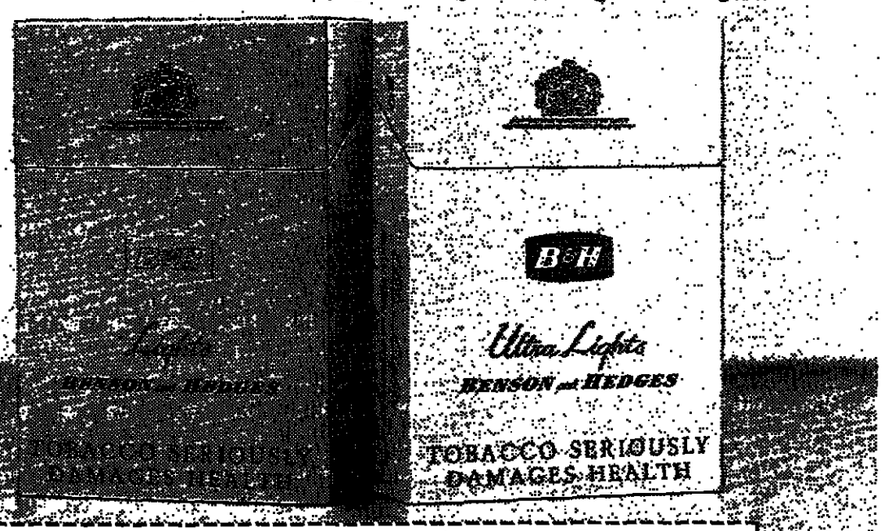
Mr Goldberg also claimed emergency exits were stuck and would not open.

A spokesman for Excalibur said: "Mr Goldberg's claims are nonsense. He is just trying to justify his decision not to fly. Of course the emergency exits weren't blocked — the captain would never have flown home if they were."

The Department of Transport said it would take an official interest in the case. "Although the rules are up to the Federal Aviation Authority in America, we will be looking into whether Excalibur Airways met the overseas rules on unaccompanied baggage," a spokeswoman said.

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NHS ambulance rides to rescue on 2,850-mile trip

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

AN NHS trust ambulance made a 2,850-mile round trip to bring a patient home from hospital in Spain and charged less than half the price of a London taxi for the job.

When Jean Ward tripped and dislocated her hip while visiting her sister near Alicante she was taken to a local hospital for an emergency operation. The treatment was successful but when her family in Britain tried to bring her home complications began. Mrs Ward, 67, had no medical insurance and, with her leg in traction, faced six weeks in a hospital bed looked after by staff whose language she did not speak. Her son Alan investigated every form of transport by land, sea and air to bring his mother home.

An air ambulance company quoted £17,000 to make the journey. A repatriation company wanted £4,500 and commercial airlines said they would charge up to £2,000 to set up a stretcher plus the cost of nine seats to accommodate it. A boat was ruled out as too slow. That left land transport.

Mr Ward said: "I would never have thought of asking an ambulance to collect her because it is a public service, but someone suggested we try, so we did."

Surrey Ambulance NHS Trust, in common with many others, has four private ambulances available for hire. Profits are ploughed back into the NHS.

Derek Swan, the manager, said: "She was stuck out there and no one was prepared to help. The family were at the end of their tether."

Mr Swan offered to do the round trip for £2,188 — 77p a mile — and the company Mr Ward works for, Estcban Engineering, agreed to put up the cash, which was later repaid by the family. A London taxi, clocking up the fare on the meter, would have charged £5,500 — about £2 a mile.

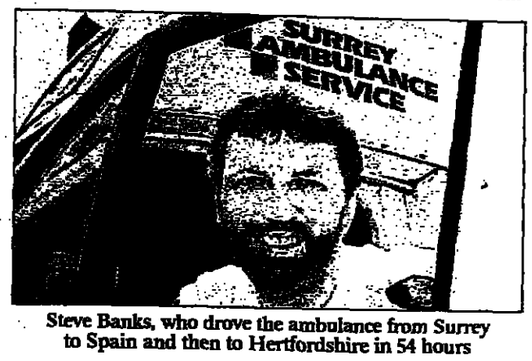
Mr Swan said: "It was a one-off price offered as a favour. We didn't lose on it; we are not allowed to."

The ambulance driven by paramedics Steve Banks and Diane Withers, accompanied by Mrs Ward's daughter Jennifer, took 30 hours to make the outward trip from Banstead, Surrey, to Orihuela, a village 20 miles south of Alicante, and 24 hours on the return to Stevenage, Hertfordshire, where Mrs Ward lives.

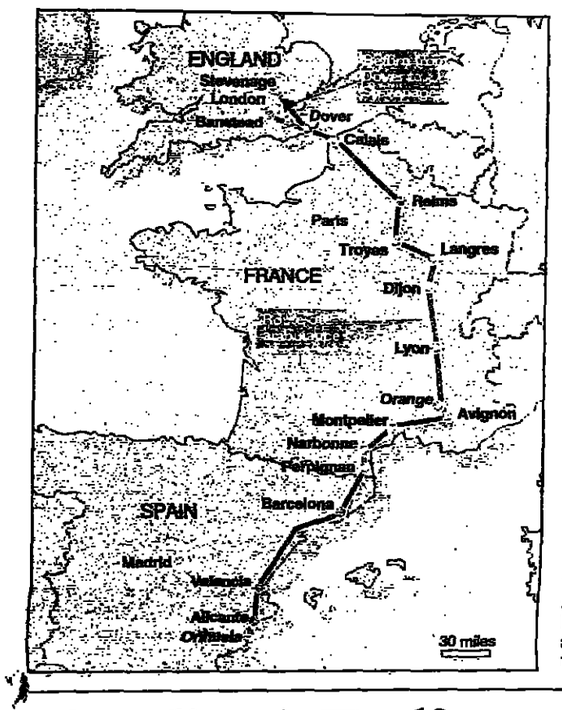
Mr Banks, 38, said: "We met every kind of weather; thick fog, torrential rain and 90 degree heat."

Mrs Ward said she never had a moment's hesitation about undertaking the journey. "I knew the best thing was to get on that ambulance and the quicker we got on with it the better. It was exhausting but the crew were brilliant."

Mrs Ward had travelled with her sister and they believed they were insured because they had bought their air tickets with her sister's Barclaycard. But the cover applied only to the holder of the card.



Steve Banks, who drove the ambulance from Surrey to Spain and then to Hertfordshire in 54 hours



JAMES MORGAN


Jean Ward recovering in her garden after the long-distance ride home

Honour for father who saved daughter

BY LIN JENKINS

A FATHER who gave part of his liver to save his baby daughter's life has been awarded the accolade "Top Dad" of the year.

David Ward made the donation to his daughter Lani, now aged three, after an operation for a life-threatening condition failed.

Mr Ward was the first father to donate part of his liver in that way. Two earlier operations had involved donor mothers. Michelle Ward was pregnant with her fourth child at the time and doctors said that the operation could not wait.

Mr Ward, 31, from Cuckfield, West Sussex, volunteered to undergo tests to see if he would be suitable. When he was found to be a good match he and his daughter had surgery at King's College Hospital in south London.

Lani, who was born with partially formed bile ducts that did not allow bile to drain from her liver, had her first operation when she was five weeks old. The procedure failed to rectify the problem and as she approached her first birthday it was decided that she needed part of a donor liver.

"She has been much better since the operation," said Mr Ward, who gave up about one third of his liver. "Any father would have done the same in the circumstances. I felt extremely fortunate to be able to help".

Lani, like her three brothers and sisters, believes her father is the best in the world. But it was her mother who nominated David for the award on Lani's behalf, wrote a brief account of what had happened and sent it to the award's organisers, the Guild of British Tie Makers.

Colin Deas, chairman of the guild, said that more than 500 children nominated their father as special for this year's award. "The award marks the forthcoming Fathers' Day, which, while it does not yet enjoy the high profile of Mothers' Day, provides children with the opportunity to give their special dads a pat on the back."

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Boy lives after being run over by lorry

BY LIN JENKINS

A BOY aged two who was run over by a lorry and dragged down the road escaped with only minor injuries. Kierron Luck was recovering at home yesterday with only the tyre marks on his back, some large bruises and grazing.

PC Chris Marshall, who arrived as Kierron was being taken into an ambulance, said: "He should have died. It is unbelieveable that he survived. He has got a lot of grazing and bruising but nothing is broken."

He believes Kierron slipped through the gate of the front garden on his home in Broxtowe, Nottingham, and begun playing under the parked Mercedes lorry.

The lorry, which operates as a mobile shop, was parked while David Beck served customers on the estate. He got into the cab and drove off, unaware that the boy was underneath. Kierron's screams alerted bystanders who shouted at the driver and signalled to him to stop.

"When the van moved off he became tangled for a period of time and was dragged down the road for about ten yards. The driver then stopped and naturally he was very upset." PC Marshall said.

Sam Leatherland, 17, Kierron's half sister, pulled him out from under the lorry. "He was lying in the road screaming," she said.

He was taken to hospital and kept under observation before being allowed home at the weekend.

☐ Children's bones are more flexible than adult ones and instead of snapping, often stretch and partially break like a fresh young shoot, hence the term "green-stick fracture" (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes).

It seems most unlikely that a two-year-old's rib cage could withstand being squashed beneath double wheels of a 7.5-tonne lorry. Pressures exerted by the lorry would not only damage the bones but rupture vital organs.

It is well known that small children do withstand injuries that would have killed adults but that is usually when they are able to bounce.

Boy dies in sand quarry

AN ATTEMPT to save the life of a schoolboy trapped in a quarry under sand and rubble nearly cost the lives of four would-be rescuers.

Jordan Gibson, 9, and two friends had gone to play at the quarry near their home in Durham on Saturday evening. They were digging a cave into a soft, nearly vertical face of sand when the roof collapsed and trapped Jordan seven feet from the surface. Gavin Jeffries, 10, and Paul James, 11, clawed at the sand, trying to save him, before rushing to get help.

By the time the emergency services arrived, the boy's father Arthur had managed to clear the sand from his son's face and chest. A paramedic, Michael Midgely, went into the tunnel and put an oxygen mask on Jordan. But the sand collapsed again, trapping him with a policeman, a fireman and a neighbour. "The lad was up to his waist in the sand but there were no signs of life," Mr Midgley said last night.

Other rescuers dug them out, and Mr Midgely accompanied Jordan to Bishop Auckland hospital, trying in vain to revive him. Residents have called for the site where children play to be fenced off.

Police want to question robber on M25 murder

BY STEWART TENDLER AND JOANNA BALE

KENNETH NOYE, who stabbed and killed an undercover Scotland Yard detective investigating the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery, is wanted for questioning by Kent police about the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron on the M25.

Police sources said yesterday that Noye was among those whom detectives would like to eliminate from their list of possible suspects. Noye, who lives in West Kingsdown, Kent, near the scene of the murder in Swanley last month, flew to Spain the day after and is believed to be there still. He was sentenced to 14 years in 1986 for his part in the Brink's-Mat robbery and was released in 1994 after serving eight years.

He is not regarded as a prime suspect for the killing but his name is among a number of leads. Detectives acknowledge that Noye is one of a number of people who appear to resemble the computer impression of the murderer issued after the killing. They are also investigating what vehicles he has driven recently.

Noye was arrested in January 1985 after Detective Constable John Fordham was stabbed to death in the garden of his home. Detective Constable Fordham and other officers were hiding outside the house keeping watch on Noye as a suspect for laundering bullion from the robbery.

Fordham had been flushed out of his hide by Noye's dogs in the dark. At his trial, Noye said Fordham was dressed in black and prowling around his garden. He thought the policeman was a violent intruder and acted in self-defence. He was cleared of murder.

The parents of Mr Cameron spoke yesterday of the torment of knowing that his killer is still at large. Ken and Toni Cameron said his death was "a waste" that had ruined their lives. Mr Cameron said: "As long as they get him, I just can't wait for that day. Obviously, the longer it goes on the harder it is for us. Until this 'thing' is caught we can't even bury our son — we are just in limbo."


Kenneth Noye, left, and the computer impression of the man who stabbed Stephen Cameron to death

Sorry, old chap, we're giving you a personal premature exit deal

BY ALAN HAMILTON

HAS YOUR employer told you lately that he is rationalising, de-layering, restructuring or shaping up for tomorrow? Has he mentioned democratic streamlining, organisational realignment, production schedule rearrangement initiatives, or business process re-engineering? Tough luck: you're fired.

Bosses can no longer bring themselves to sack people. In this age of weasel wordage, they downsize, radically examine their overheads, refocus their strategic direction, meet market imperatives, manage out, offer personal premature exit agreements, or concentrate on core activities. It all comes to the same thing, buddy: you're out of a job.

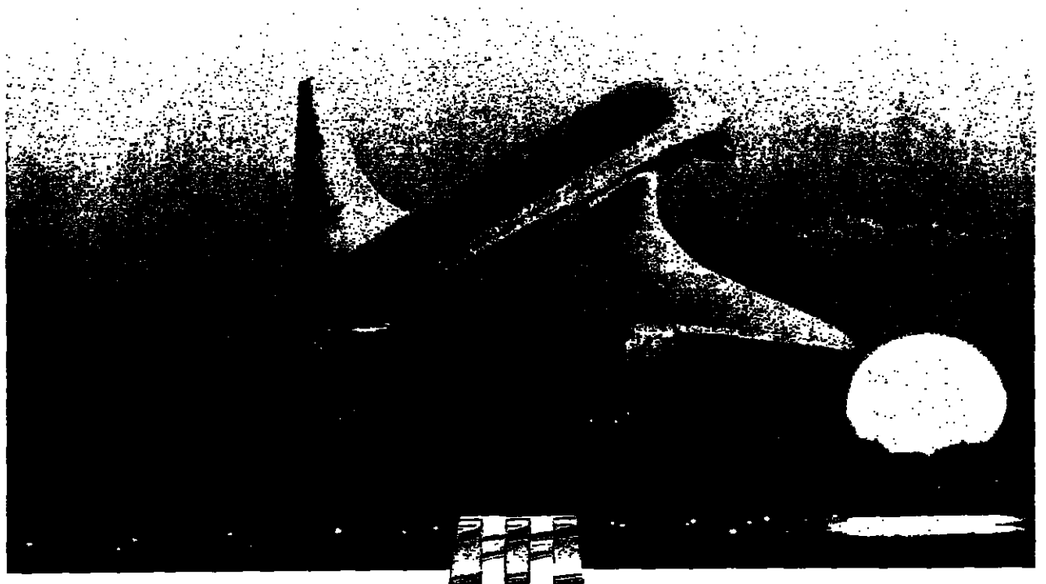
The GMB general union estimates that nearly seven million workers have been sacked since 1979. To coincide with the opening of its conference in Blackpool today, it has used company reports and the first-hand experience of its officials to compile a list of 50 excuses for scrapping jobs.

Workers about to be handed their P45 are variously told that they have made themselves redundant, have priced themselves out of the market, are being given a career opportunity, being helped out of a rut, or are being offered a career realignment scheme. They are palmed off with excuses about intensely competitive markets, increasing capital effectiveness, detailed reviews of operations or intensified productivity drives.

Employers, lacking the guts to look workers in the eye, come up with excuses couched in cowardly doublespeak. "We are creating flatter organisational structures" or "We are meeting market imperatives." They might, on the other hand, re-rate your future, or invite you to FIFO ("Fit in or ..." — fill in the missing words yourself). The survey follows an admission by Stephen Roach, an American academic who coined the word "downsizing", that his theory of sacking lots of workers may not be the answer to every business problem. It is a confession on a par with Dr Spock saying he did not have a clue about bringing up babies.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, said the management style of the 1980s needed consigning to the dustbin. "This approach to dealing with your staff is patronising and duplicitous. If the guru of downsizing has given up, then so should the managers of disinformation."

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Encouraging start to championship as fewer arrests are made than at the average FA Cup final

Police praise goodwill of fans as Euro 96 kicks off

BY JOHN GOODBODY, PAUL WILKINSON AND ADRIAN LEE

ONLY 44 fans were arrested in football-related incidents in London on Saturday, fewer than for the average FA Cup final, police said yesterday. The first Euro 96 matches were played with goodwill between supporters and low-key policing.

After the opening game at Wembley on Saturday, Commander John Purnell, who heads the policing of Euro 96 in London, praised the behaviour of the English and Swiss supporters, saying: "This is an encouraging start. Although this match was not one which gave us the greatest concern in terms of potential disorder from rival fans, it was very pleasing to see the overwhelming majority of the sell-out crowd behaving sensibly and enjoying the game." The atmosphere was the friendliest he could recall for an international, he added.

The only potential trouble was when a large crowd of English supporters heard that about 300 Swiss supporters had gathered in Leicester Square. Police brought in vans, officers on horseback and dog-handlers and forced the Swiss supporters back into the square. Two English supporters were led away by police.

At Elland Road in Leeds, where Bulgaria drew 1-1 with Spain, the ground was less than three-quarters full although several thousand Spanish supporters made up with a constant drum beat and rythmic chanting.

By the end of the match West Yorkshire Police reported no football-related arrests or incidents throughout the city. Superintendent George Robinson, in charge of policing the ground, said: "The crowd was noisy but very well behaved. It was a superb, friendly atmosphere throughout."

Well-rehearsed plans normally used for Leeds United's Premiership matches ensured that rival supporters were kept well apart. However the authorities reported a smaller number of followers than predicted for the visiting national sides.

A free tented village set up on the outskirts of Leeds in the grounds of Temple Newsam House had fewer than half of its 2,000 places taken up.

In Sheffield, where yesterday's third match was played at Hillsbrough, an extra 800 officers were on duty for the Denmark-Portugal game. All 39,750 tickets for the game were sold. All police leave and training for the 10 days of the preliminary matches has been cancelled.

South Yorkshire Police devised an elaborate traffic-management scheme to bring an estimated 500 coaches of rival supporters from opposite sides of the city to parking areas a quarter of a mile apart at opposite ends of the ground.

An officer boarded each coach to remind supporters to leave prohibited items, from large flags to drinks cans, on the coach.

Police created a traffic-free area around the ground, preventing entry to people without valid tickets. Supporters were body-searched at the turnstiles and prohibited items confiscated. When Turkey plays on June 19, searchers will look for flares and other fireworks, which will be dumped in water-filled barrels.

Another Turkish tradition, of arriving at the ground up to six hours before kick-off to sing and chant, might cause difficulties as the ground is not due to open until three hours before the match. However if there is a build-up the gates will be opened earlier.

In Manchester, supporters from Germany and the Czech Republic mingled without trouble and police said there were no arrests before the game. "We are very pleased, we have had no problems at the airport or in the city centre," a spokesman for Greater Manchester Police said.

More than 9,000 German and 6,500 Czech fans were expected in the city for its first match yesterday and began arriving on Saturday. Few ventured into the city centre and those who did chose not to wear shirts or scarves in their team colours. Two German police officers, working as undercover "spotters" during the championship, went on patrol with their British counterparts.

Police in Birmingham are worried about the match tonight between Holland and Scotland, fearing that supporters may have bought up spare tickets outside their allocated area of Villa Park. Colin Macdonald, the match-day commander, said police knew where the offical Dutch and and Scottish were sitting but they did not know the identities of some supporters in other parts of the stadium. Police were not happy with the situation, he said.

"The Scottish Football Association have told me that they take pride in their fans, being better behaved than the English — it's not very hard," Mr Macdonald said.

"If a Scots supporter is sitting beside a Dutch supporter and they are behaving, then great. If they're going to play up, we will deal with them effectively."

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Colin Weir, a Scotland supporter, resting up in Birmingham yesterday where his team takes on Holland today

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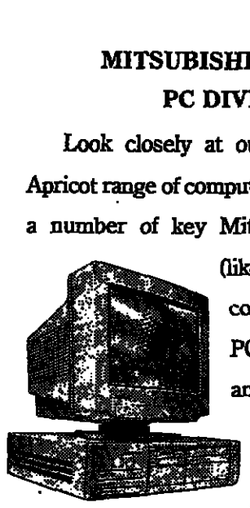
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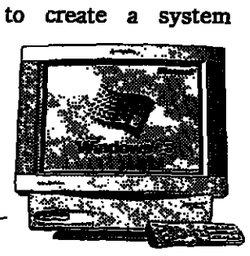
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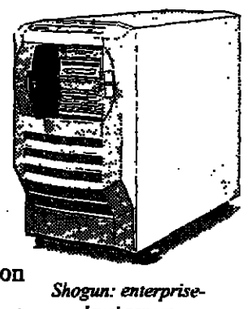


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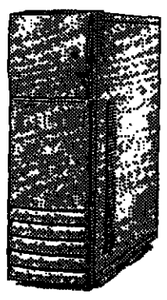
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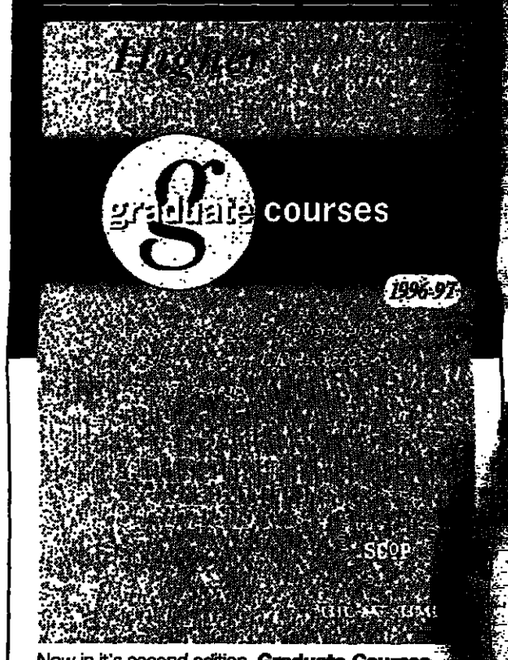
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Brave, but irritable: what head thought of Prince Philip

BY ALAN HAMILTON

INTELLIGENT, courageous, with a strong sense of fair play, but a dangerously short fuse: the 1938 school report on the 17-year-old boy captures with rare accuracy the character of the later man.

The Duke of Edinburgh, 75 today, will be confronted with the assessment by his Gordonstoun headmaster for the first time in many years when he accompanies the Queen this morning to open an exhibition on his life, at the Guildhall in Windsor.

The report has been lent by Edinburgh University, which was given it by the Duke in 1952. Kurt Hahn, who established Gordonstoun after fleeing Nazi Germany, was remarkably perceptive about his star pupil.

"Prince Philip has unusual courage and endurance ... and does not know what boredom is when intent on discharging his duties. The lure of the moment remains his danger ... He has the makings of a first-class organiser; he is both kind and firm. As a leader of games he is at times too irritable."

Hahn describes Prince Philip's public spirit as "exemplary", and writes in the box marked *Sense of justice*: "Never failing where he has to consider other people's rights or interests: when baulked in his plans, still inclined to jump to angry conclusions." That familiar short fuse again.



Prince Philip, left to right, as a schoolboy in Paris, taking part in a "biscuit-eating race"; competing in an inter-school high jump in 1935, when he was at Gordonstoun; and at 75

The Duke, who attended Hahn's previous school in southern Germany in 1933, became Guardian, or head boy, in his final year at at Gordonstoun. Hahn, clearly wishing to impress Philip's guardian of the time, his uncle Earl Mountbatten, writes of the teenager's academic prowess: "Prince Philip has literary appreciation. He has an unusual grasp of cause and effect in human affairs. This is particularly evident in his historical studies. He has a great talent for languages. His understanding of mathematical problems is sound. In scientific work he shows definite powers of observation."

That the young Prince was both observant and literate is shown by two pages from his log aboard *HMS Valiant* during the Battle of Cape Matapan in 1942, which graphically describe his ship's encounter with two of the enemy when they thought there was only one.

Midshipman HRH Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, RN, was manning the searchlight. "The idea that there might have been another ship with the one we were firing at never entered my head, so it was some few moments before I was persuaded to relinquish the blazing target and search for another one I had no reason to believe was there ... As the enemy was so close, the light did not illuminate the whole ship ... The effect was rather like flashing a strong torch on a small model about 5 yards away." Prince Philip was mentioned in dispatches.

Tim O'Donovan, a retired insurance broker who gives *The Times* the number of engagements carried out by each member of the Royal Family during the previous year, contacted nearly 300 of the 500 organisations which which the Duke is connected to assemble the exhibition for Windsor and Maidenhead Council.

The result is a roomful of photographs and letters illuminating a life of presenting, opening, planting and lecturing; souvenirs, from biscuit tins to powder compacts, depicting the Duke as a matinee idol; and family photographs. One myth the exhibition tries to dispel is that the Duke is Greek. He is, if anything, Danish, but Mr O'Donovan could not persuade the Royal Archives at Windsor to lend the Duke's original Danish passport.

HRH Prince Philip 75th Birthday Exhibition: The Guildhall, High Street, Windsor, June 10-July 7. Admission £2.

Opt-out schools cleared to select half their pupils

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to allow all grant-maintained schools to select up to 50 per cent of their pupils by aptitude are expected to be approved by the Cabinet this week, after a long-running battle between the Education Secretary and Downing Street.

A White Paper to be published later this month will also outline proposals to make it easier for any school to become a grammar school even when this is opposed by the local education authority.

Ballots may be held of parents and governors with the aim of ensuring that every large town has at least one grammar school. Last night Mrs Shephard denied that there was any rift between herself and the Prime Minister over the proposals but it appears that she has had to bow to Mr Major's demands for more selection.

The Downing Street Policy Unit had been pressing for more radical reforms. At present, grant-maintained schools can select only 10 per cent of their pupils without referring to the Secretary of State. Mrs Shephard had agreed to extend this to 20 per cent but had balked at raising it to 50 per cent for all schools.

It is now thought that she has reached a compromise with Mr Major to allow schools to have varying levels of selection. Grant-maintained schools will be allowed a maximum of 50 per cent unless they apply formally to become a grammar schools.

Comprehensive schools and specialist colleges which have not opted out of local authority control will be able to select between 15 and 20 per cent.

The White Paper will go to a Cabinet sub-committee this week. Education sources said there were still some aspects to be finalised but they expected the document to be approved.

The White Paper is expected to include a plan to allow a school to become a grammar school where this is supported by teachers, governors and parents — possibly through local ballots.

"We mean to make it very, very much easier for there to be selective schools, grammar schools, where parents and teachers and governors want it," Mrs Shephard said on GMTV's *Sunday* Programme.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, attacked the Government's plans. "A grammar school in every town would create thousands of secondary modern schools as parents and children are denied the right of entry to the school of their choice," he said.

This week John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, is expected to give a speech at Ruskin College, Oxford, defending the comprehensive system and emphasising the need for children to have equal opportunities. Mr Prescott last night denied reports that he disagreed with the call, made by Tony Blair on Friday, for pupils at comprehensive schools to be grouped according to ability, in certain subjects.



Head's new job offer put on hold

A HEAD teacher who banned pupils from watching *Romeo and Juliet* because she maintained it was too heterosexual has had an offer to become a schools inspector temporarily withdrawn.

The Office for Standards in Education has taken the step because Jane Brown, head of Kingsmead Primary School in Hackney, east London, is involved in an industrial tribunal case concerning allegations of race discrimination against a black teacher, which she denies.

The decision by Ms Brown to prevent her pupils from seeing the play caused an outcry among politicians and some teachers. She later apologised.

German students 'better at maths'

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GERMAN pupils perform better at mathematics than their British peers because more is expected of them, a report published today claims.

A comparison of examination papers found German students were often required to think problems through, while GCSE and national curriculum questions gave more help with solutions. Sue Chandler, an experienced A-level and GCSE textbook writer and author of the report, said the English and Welsh question papers tended to break down the stages of calculations and demanded less initiative.

However, a leading examination board described some of her evidence as superficial and a "slight on teachers". The report will add to the controversy surrounding the teaching of mathematics. Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said last week that more whole-class teaching was needed to improve children's grasp of the basics.

Ofsted, the school inspection agency, will publish its own international comparison of achievement in mathematics and science next month, showing primary school children in this country are up to two years behind their contemporaries in parts of Europe and the Far East.

Ms Chandler compared examination questions for the lowest achievers at GCSE, aged 16, and for Bavarian *Hauptschule* students, aged 15. The German paper asked for the volume of an irregularly shaped object with given dimensions, while the GCSE paper wanted the area of the base and triangular faces of the net of a pyramid, and its total area.

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Mellor criticises festival 'fumble'

BY ALICE THOMSON



Mellor and Bottomley: leadership questioned

DAVID MELLOR told the Government yesterday that its planning for the millennium celebrations was on the point of becoming "a complete farce".

The former National Heritage Secretary made clear that he thought Virginia Bottomley, the current incumbent, had made a mess of the proposed grand exhibition at Greenwich and that the project would not live up to expectations.

Mr Mellor said that Mrs Bottomley, who is in charge of the Greenwich festival, lacked any sense of leadership. "The festival is on the edge of becoming a complete farce. The amount of fumbling and — quite frankly — ineptitude into which we have plunged on this matter must be resolved urgently."

His intervention, on ITV's *Crosstalk*, puts even more pressure on Mrs Bottomley over the festival, which seems increasingly likely to be scrapped. The Greenwich project has been awarded £200 million of National Lottery funds if it can come up with £150 million by this Friday and a further £150 million from turnstile revenues.

Few companies have shown interest in sponsorship and it has recently become apparent that it will be extremely expensive to renovate the disused gasworks on the site.

Mr Mellor said "I think we should have had some great millennium buildings. But with 3½ years to go we will only be able to have something monumental by the next millennium."

Mrs Bottomley said yesterday: "We have got a good site, a wonderful designer, imagination and a thrilling concept." She was confident the money would be found.

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English Heritage urges £100m facelift for Tower

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE setting of the Tower of London is a national disgrace that shames one of the world's most famous monuments, according to Sir Jocelyn Stevens, the outspoken chairman of English Heritage.

Sir Jocelyn is calling for an estimated £100 million of lottery money to be spent on replacing the "disgusting" five-lane highway that blights the main approach to the 900-year-old castle. Tourists arriving at Tower Hill Underground station have to walk through a tunnel under the fume-filled road to reach the entrance to Britain's fourth biggest tourist attraction.

"There is something so disgusting about that terrible road, the width of it and the ugliness of it and having to arrive through that hideous tunnel," said Sir Jocelyn. "The whole thing is just a mess. What happened to this city in the 1960s and 1970s is such a crime."

Sir Jocelyn is urging the Tower authorities to bid for lottery funding to replace the road with open parkland. He wants improvement plans being submitted to the lottery grants bodies in the autumn by the Historic Royal Palace Agency to include the "dream solution" of a tunnel from the station to the Tower. He met Major-General Geoffrey Field, the Resident Governor of the Tower, last week to discuss the proposals.

They would give tourists a spectacular uninterrupted view of the Tower, which attracts 2.5 million visitors a year and is one of only two world heritage sites in London. Currently all but the highest battlements are hidden from view by A1203 Tower Hill road.

Sir Jocelyn said the project could be carried out over five years to spread out the cost and minimise disruption. "What is five years in the history of England? It is just the flicker of an eyelid."

He added: "There is now a new mood about in looking at grand projects like this. Money is being distributed in large quantities to some thrilling schemes and there has been a dramatic change in the Government's attitude to traffic in London. Now just about every project is thinkable.



Stevens: lottery money could pay for scheme

"The English are so starved of new ideas and are always being told they will never happen. That is what I was told when I first called for a tunnel under Stonehenge. If we can now contemplate a final solution for Stonehenge when it seemed completely impossible in 1990, then why not the same sort of solution for the Tower of London?"

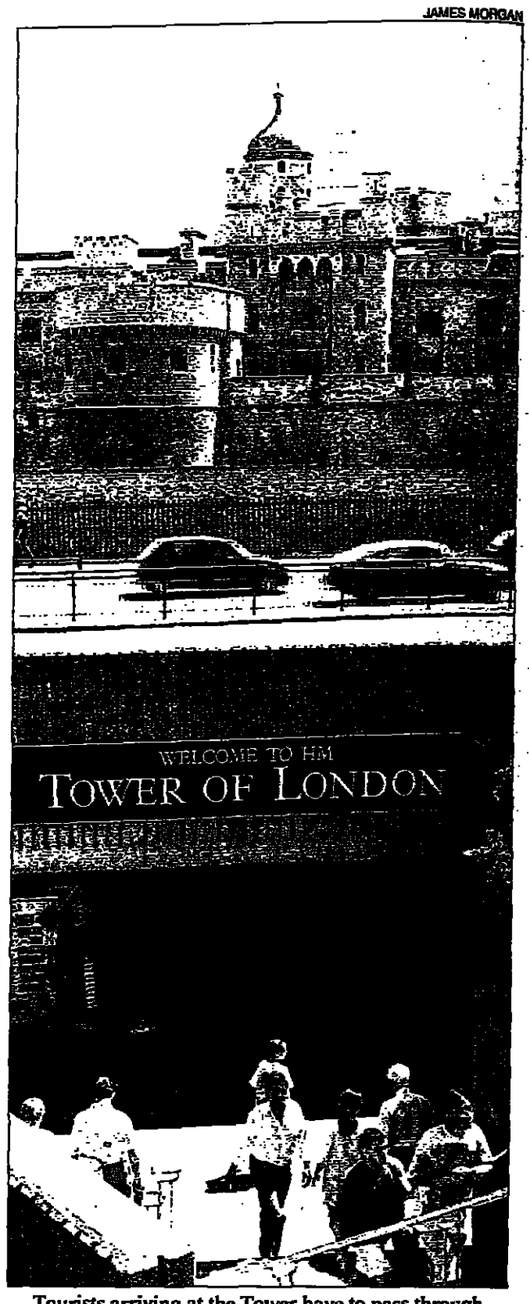
Proposals being considered by the Tower Environs Scheme, a joint venture project involving HRPA, Tower Hamlets Council, the Port of London Authority and Taylor Woodrow, include clearing the clutter of kiosks and souvenir booths around the Tower, better ticket facilities, "landscaping" the A100 Tower Bridge Approach road to make it less intrusive, a new river jetty, and possibly filling in the moat around the Tower.

English Heritage, the Government's statutory adviser on historic monuments, is not directly responsible for the Tower but would have a crucial say in any plans.

Sir Jocelyn's intervention is the latest high-profile campaign he has led to remove roads from some of Britain's most famous tourist attractions. In November last year he enraged the Government by demanding a tunnel for the A303 road as it passes by Stonehenge, an option that is now under serious consideration by ministers.

He has also led calls for the removal of a busy road that separates two of the most popular attractions in Greenwich in southeast London.

JAMES MORGAN



Tourists arriving at the Tower have to pass through a dank subway under a noisy, fume-filled main road

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New test confirms bat rabies

The Agriculture Ministry confirmed yesterday that a second set of tests have shown that a bat which bit two women was carrying the rabies virus. Sheila Wright, who is expecting her third child, was bitten when a woman who found the bat in Newhaven, East Sussex, took it to her at a bat conservation sanctuary. She is undergoing a 28-day course of preventative treatment.

Shark rescue fails

Wildlife experts and holidaymakers failed to save a 12ft basking shark washed up on a beach at Tenby, Dyfed. Volunteers from the Welsh Marine Life Rescue organisation worked for nearly six hours to help the creature stranded by the low tide.

Worms' victory

Amber Valley Council has refused planning permission for Cyril Marshall, 80, to build a house in Coxbench, Derbyshire, because it says male glow-worms living near by would confuse the electric lighting with the green glow produced by fertile females.

Strippers stopped

A strip show to raise money for a cancer charity has been cancelled. Organisers of the Crab appeal in Birmingham said a "table-dancing" show to be held at the home of the chairman of the executive committee was not an appropriate fund-raising venture.

Death fall

Harry Greener, 39, a scaffolder from Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, fell to his death as he climbed to a window after his girlfriend locked him out of their home after an argument. He was found by colleagues collecting him for work.

Cosmo bares all

Naked men are to appear in *Cosmopolitan* for the first time in 20 years as the magazine tries to attract younger readers. It approached 30 famous men, including John Major, but all declined. The identity of the four who agreed is secret.

Statue mutilated

Vandals have sawn off the genitals of a bronze statue of an ancient Irish elk. The 14ft statue, standing on high ground overlooking the main road from Cork to Mallow, was put up two years ago after a £20,000 competition run by Cork County Council.

Hygiene checks put diners at risk

BY IAN MURRAY

THOUSANDS of restaurants and snack bars are escaping inspections necessary to ensure safe standards of hygiene and cleanliness because of inefficiencies by local councils, according to an Audit Commission survey. Some of the most popular tourist centres and resorts are among the most dangerous places in which to eat out.

Figures showing the percentage of inspections carried out by each local authority in England and Wales are issued by the commission today to mark the start of National Food Safety Week. The public watchdog's statistics show that only a quarter of authorities are making all their scheduled inspections.

Although an average of 80 per cent of all premises are being properly checked, there are some areas where the inspection rate falls below one in five. Bad organisation and failure to set the right priorities are most often to blame.

The number of serious reported cases of food poisoning is also rising rapidly. Last year there were 88,000, five times more than 10 years ago.

The Public Health Laboratory Service, in its latest report, suggests the increase is almost certainly due to the growing number of people eating out. Half the reported cases needed hospital treatment at a cost of £30 million to the health service.

The large increase in the number of places selling meals has put an added burden on councils, which have a specific duty to inspect all food premises at different intervals according to the level of risk in different types of establishment.

The inspections are the responsibility of environmental health officers, whose checks must be carried out regularly to ensure that hygiene standards are maintained.

Authorities inspecting 40 per cent or less of premises:
London: Waltham Forest, 13 per cent; Hounslow, 21 per cent; Islington, 38 per cent; Brent, 39 per cent.
Metropolitan Authorities: Rochdale, 21 per cent; Sheffield, 21 per cent.
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Wales: Llanelli, 27 per cent; Islwyn (Gwent), 40 per cent

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New jets put pilots of future at risk from blacking out

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN ALARMINGLY high number of jet fighter pilots experience momentary blackouts under extreme conditions, research in Britain and the United States has shown.

Nearly 20 per cent of RAF pilots, including trainees, experienced loss of consciousness and in the US 30 per cent of F16 pilots suffered blackouts, the unpublished research has disclosed. Although there is no evidence that RAF pilots have crashed after blacking out, 24 US Air Force pilots are understood to have been killed after losing consciousness while flying F16s in fast-turn manoeuvres.

The F16 is more agile and can fly much tighter turns than the Tornado used by the RAF. There is concern that the risk will be far higher for pilots when the Eurofighter and the American F22 come into service because they have been designed to go from zero G-force to 9G or 10G in less than half a second during tight combat turns.

The RAF is having to develop life-support equipment and training methods for Eurofighter pilots. Without special measures, pressures would force all the blood downwards, leading to instant unconsciousness. Those involved in RAF research say that in spite of all the steps being taken there could be no guarantee of eliminating the risk of blackouts.

The Eurofighter is due to come into service in 2002. Test pilots flying the three prototypes have not yet put them through maximum G-force turns.

Centrifuge equipment for training Eurofighter pilots is inadequate because it can simulate 0G to 9G in only eight seconds, totally unrealistic for pilots of the next century. The RAF School of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, Hampshire, which has spent the past few years developing special life-support systems for Eurofighter pilots, is soon to announce the winner of a competition for supplying an advanced centrifuge.

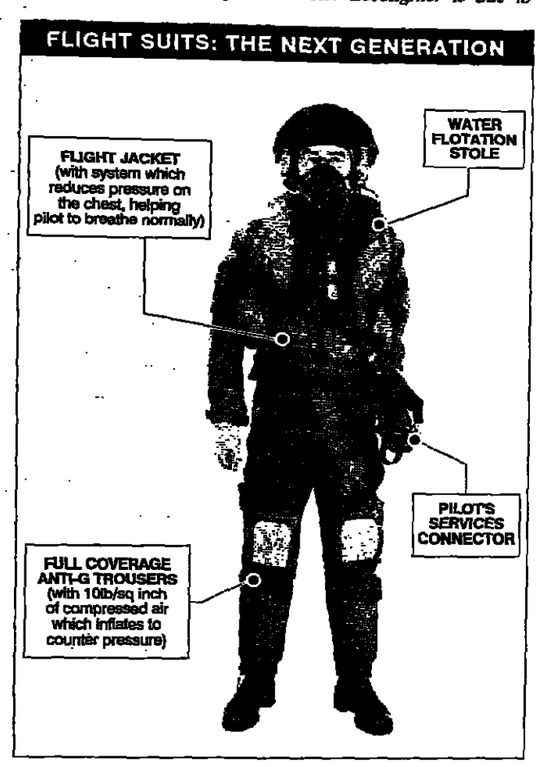
By 1998 pilots will be strapped into the rotating arm of the centrifuge and face a virtual-reality dogfight under 9G and 10G "tight turn" conditions.

The challenge for Eurofighter pilots is that the aircraft has been designed to be inherently unstable in order to create maximum agility and manoeuvrability. With the benefit of the most advanced computers, the Eurofighter will be able to twist and turn instantly at the touch of a switch. A blackout under such conditions could prove fatal because by the time the pilot has regained consciousness, the aircraft would be hurtling out of control.

Air Commodore Anthony Nicholson, commandant at the RAF School of Aviation Medicine, said Eurofighter pilots would be operating in a "high-G world". To counteract the risk of blackouts, researchers have designed anti-G trousers filled with compressed air that inflate to counter the sudden surge of blood to the lower part of the body.

A system has been devised for the flight jacket that reduces pressure on the pilot's chest and helps him to breathe normally by a process that squeezes the blood upwards.

FLIGHT SUITS: THE NEXT GENERATION



Labour pledges to restore Tory frontline defence cuts

BY MICHAEL EVANS

AN INCOMING Labour government would undertake a strategic defence review with the aim of reversing damaging cuts in the Armed Forces' support services, according to party sources.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, and a team of advisers who have been drawing up defence strategy, are convinced that the Tories' Frontline First cuts have created unacceptable pressures on the services. Although the intention of the Government was to make savings in "the tail" of the Armed Forces, in order to create more money for frontline troops, Labour believes the cuts are too deep.

One source said: "British soldiers in Bosnia have the latest equipment to help them with their peacekeeping duties but if the equipment goes wrong, they need the experts from the support services to get it sorted out. They need to be in the front line."

Reversing the damage without increasing overall defence spending will be one of the pledges expected in Labour's foreign policy and defence strategy to be outlined next week in a document called *Britain in the World*. Labour intends to keep spending to the existing £21 billion a year and will also promise to maintain the Trident nuclear submarine deterrent.



Staves at the ready, the 1st Hampstead Scout Troop prepares to learn the manly virtues out on patrol soon after its formation in 1908

Pioneer troop could close for lack of a leader

BY JOANNA BALE

ONE of Britain's first Scout troops is about to close unless a leader can be found for its 22 members. The 1st Hampstead was set up in 1908 in northwest London, in the same year that Robert Baden-Powell established the Scouting movement for boys.

Ian Frais, Hampstead's Assistant Commissioner for Scouts, has been standing in since its last leader left when his job moved to Bristol two years ago. Because of other commitments, Mr Frais will leave next month and the troop will close unless a new leader can be found.



Map-reading in a more relaxed age for present members of the 1st Hampstead

According to the troop's 1912 log-book in Burgh House museum, Hampstead, it was formed by a boy called Victor Crowe, who lived in Hampstead High Street. Crowe requested help from an Army captain called Colbron Pearse in setting up the group, which practised Scouting on Hampstead Heath. According to the log-book, it was the first troop in Britain to appear in the traditional uniform of shorts, shirt, scarf and hat.

Captain Pearse wrote: "Oh, the ridicule endured! You present members know nothing of it ... Did we mind? Were we downhearted? No! Scouts don't care anything for ridicule, and pioneers always expect to meet with opposition. We stuck to work with a 'never say die' determination to win through and clear the road for other Scouts to follow."

The troop went on a tour of Britain to demonstrate scoutcraft in order to advance the movement. They visited Sunderland and the West Country.

Mr Frais said yesterday: "This is one of the first Scout groups in Britain — it could even be the first — so it would be a great shame to close it down. Unfortunately there is a severe shortage of Scout leaders in central London — people just do not seem willing to give up a little of their free time to help run it.

"Contrary to what most people think, it is a very up-to-date organisation which offers children challenges and responsibility. The group is a mixture of boys from different backgrounds who are all keen to continue. All we need is someone with lots of enthusiasm to take it over. We have tried advertising and leafletting but no one has come forward."

The group has 22 members, who meet every Monday night and enjoy activities such as camping, climbing and mountain biking.

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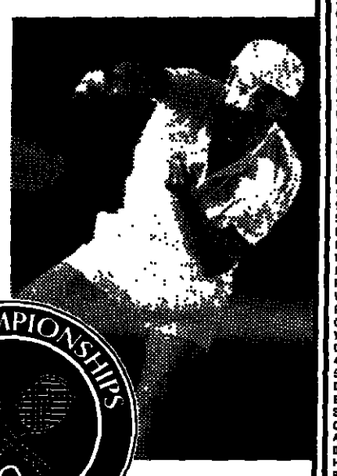
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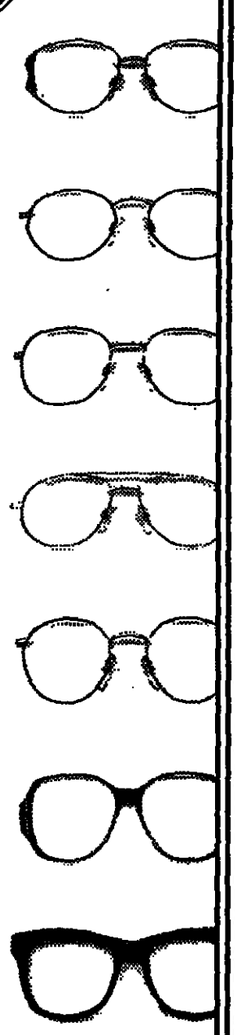
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Jewel of English worship unearthed at French sale

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

A RARE and beautifully illuminated 15th-century prayer book, valued at £700,000, is to be auctioned after its discovery by an antiquarian bookseller.

The expensively decorated volume is one of the finest examples of a Book of Hours, popular medieval manuscripts intended for private devotion. This example is the grandest to appear on the market in recent years and says as much about its owner's status as his devotion to God.

Only a prince or the most prominent patron of the day could have afforded a commission on this scale. At 12½in by 9in, it is one of the half dozen largest Books of Hours ever made, but no record of it survives.

The book was acquired by Sam Fogg, a leading London specialist in rare books and manuscripts who sells to museums worldwide, at a French auction. Although catalogued as a Book of Hours, its importance had passed unrecognised. "I've never seen anything quite like it, even in institutional collections," Mr Fogg said.



Sam Fogg examining the 15th-century manuscript, one of the most largest ever made, by candlelight

An inscription shows that it was made for an Englishman who lived within the diocese of Lincoln: the liturgy is English, and some of the saints are specific to Lincolnshire. It was made by the great Flemish workshop of the "Gold Scroll Master", known to have produced manuscripts for the English market, in the 1440s.

Mr Fogg said: "He must have been a figure of enormous wealth and status to have commissioned a book of such scale and luxury. The masculine endings of the personal pronouns in the private prayers suggest that he was male." Every side of its 184 folios bears an illumination with glistening gold leaf and colours so vibrant that they might have been painted yesterday. Exquisite miniature paintings are surrounded by borders depicting beasts, angels and demons, all represented in miniscule detail.

Michael Michael, a leading scholar of English medieval art, said: "This is a very important find. They are images of a high quality. There are a number of spectacular Books of Hours produced around that date. This ranks with them. This is very luxurious."

Other than lists of members of the illuminators' guilds, there is little evidence about the artists who made such books. They did not sign their work. Stylistically, this one suggests the hand of the Gold Scrolls Master himself, rather than his Bruges workshop. The artists' names have never been discovered, but they are linked by characteristics or motifs such as gold scrolls. Mr Fogg said: "It must without question be the masterpiece of this group of artists."

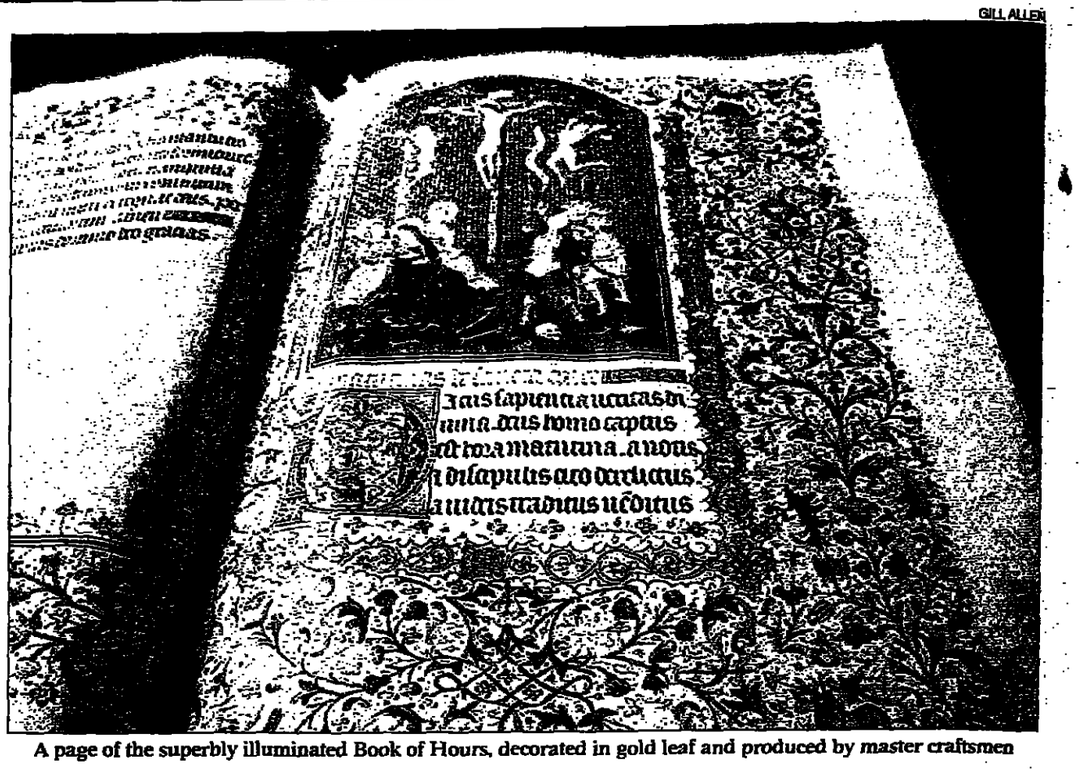
Illuminators did not necessarily work under the same roof. One artist would do the borders, another the miniatures, passing the composition to the next man as soon as they had finished.

Designed for lay use, Books of Hours are so called because the prayers were arranged according to the canonical hours — the seven prayer times appointed for each day. They often had a calendar featuring the saints' days and the occupations of the months — feasting in January or ploughing in October — as well as various passages from the Gospels. Although they were based on the Church's liturgy, the Church did not dictate the content. Imagery in this version, which is in Latin, includes the Annunciation. St George slaying the dragon and the Nativity. It was made for the Use of Old Sarum (Salisbury), the dominant form of service in England during the Middle Ages.

Mr Fogg singled out a page illuminated with the murder of Thomas à Becket as particularly interesting because Henry VIII later decreed that all images of Becket be defaced: anyone even possessing an image risked execution. That this survived suggests that it had left Britain by then.

By the 18th century, the manuscript was in the hands of Spain's prominent Aragon family, descendants of Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife. It will be sold at the Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair in London, from June 13 to 22.

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A page of the superbly illuminated Book of Hours, decorated in gold leaf and produced by master craftsmen

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Anti-Semitic attacks fall by a quarter

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE number of attacks on Jewish people and their property in Britain has declined by more than a quarter over the past year, according to a report published today.

The wave of anti-Semitism that was a feature of the late 1980s and early 1990s throughout Europe has peaked, according to the report by the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, in London. The decline has surprised Jewish community leaders because it comes at a time when racism generally is on the increase.

After a decade when it appeared that the far Right was making strong advances, Jewish leaders believe the threat of anti-Semitism entering and dominating the political mainstream in Central and Eastern Europe — regions that caused the greatest alarm — has receded.

Although they still experience hostility from some people and groups, Jews in Britain do not experience the levels of harassment and prejudice suffered by other minority groups, according to the *Antisemitism World Report 1996*, a survey in 61 countries.

While synagogue and cemetery desecrations continued, along with the distribution of hate literature, the harassment was "low level", the report says. The Board of Deputies of British Jews recorded 246 incidents last year, a fall of 26 per cent from 1994.

The reduction comes after increased police activity and the introduction of more overt security at Jewish institutions, the report says. In Germany there was a fall of 30 per cent in far Right and anti-Semitic offences since 1994.

The report says: "The overall number of offences is still too high, but the change demonstrates what can be done with a combination of widespread public revulsion against racial attacks and determined action on the part of government, police and judiciary."

In Russia, despite the fact that more than 100 extremist parties and organisations espouse varying degrees of anti-Semitism, a poll by the American Jewish committee found that Russians exhibit "relatively low levels of hostility" towards Jewish people. However, denial of the Holocaust in many countries remains one of the principal weapons in the anti-Semitic armoury. One of the most disturbing findings was from the United States, where there has been "a breakdown of the taboo on expressions of anti-Semitism".

American Jews are frequently challenged to "prove" that Louis Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam, is an anti-Semite. "This reflects an insensitivity to anti-Semitism that was not there before," the report says.

It recommends that racist activity on the Internet should be best countered by making anti-racist material widely available.

The report says anti-Semitism is arguably the most deeply rooted and potent form of racism, but concedes that harassment of Jews is "only a tiny fraction of racist violence in general". A relative decline in overt expressions of Christian anti-Semitism, noted first in 1994, was maintained last year. "We welcome the better news of this year's report but we must still be vigilant," Antony Lerman, director of Jewish Policy Research, said.

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Army returns to Rorke's Drift

By Joanna Bale

A BRITISH military unit is returning to Rorke's Drift for the first time since the battle against the Zulus in 1879 that inspired the award of 11 Victoria Crosses.

The descendants of the Zulu leaders and of one of the two senior British officers who fought them will shake hands at the site. Brigadier David Bromhead, grandson of the commander portrayed by Michael Caine in the film *Zulu*, is expected to meet Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a descendant of the Zulu king Cetshwayo, at a symbolic ceremony later this year.

Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead, who commanded B Company of the 2nd Battalion 24th Regiment, built a defensive perimeter around the African missionary station before the attack by thousands of Zulus on the night of January 22, 1879. He was one of 11 to be awarded the VC among the 153 British troops who withstood the attacks.

An Army source said: "No British military unit has returned to Rorke's Drift since the battle because of the political sensitivity. Since the Zulu War of 1879 there has been a mutual respect between the Zulu and British nations."

Army cadets from Southampton University are hoping to raise £200,000 to build a community hall at a secondary school which is now at Rorke's Drift. The 34 university cadets, with 15 members of the Royal Engineers and the Royal Regiment of Wales, will leave for South Africa in August.

As well as learning how to become bricklayers, they are having to take lessons in traditional Scottish country dancing as they will be expected to respond to Zulu dances during their visit. The Prince of Wales has donated funds to the scheme but the students still need to raise many thousands of pounds.

One of the 11 VCs awarded for the legendary defence will be auctioned tomorrow. Experts believe the VC won by the 21-year-old Corporal Robert Jones could fetch a world record of more than £132,000.

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Peace kept in Pale after portrait of a warmonger disappears

THIS WEEK IN EUROPE

Principles and *Realpolitik* are at war again in Bosnia-Herzegovina: consider the revealing episode of the compromise over Radovan Karadzic's portrait.

In Pale, "capital" of the Bosnian Serb republic, a room is set aside for the use of officers from the Ifor peacekeeping force who hold press conferences there. An official picture of the shaggy-haired ex-psychiatrist and war criminal who runs the republic once adorned the room. Dr Karadzic is, nominally, the most wanted man in the Balkans.

The Ifor officers using the room made a bold request: could the picture possibly be taken down? It did not somehow seem quite right that peacekeepers should appear on CNN with portraits of wanted war criminals in the background to remind the audience that people like Dr Karadzic are not running much risk of arrest. The picture came down. Dr Karadzic himself remains in power and at liberty.

The first aim of the Dayton accord on Bosnia was separation: of the combatants, and of the combatants from their heavy weapons. Those requirements have, more or less, been met. Dayton says that the next stage is to glue things back together. Refugees should go home and the tribal enclaves be knitted into one state. In other words, the hard — perhaps impossible — part starts now.

The alphabet-soup organisations such as Ifor, the OSCE and the EU meet in Florence this week to contemplate an appallingly tight timetable. A local election is supposed to be held in the shattered town of Mostar at the end of the month. Elections across Bosnia are due in mid-September.

In the middle of all this on June 27, Richard Goldstone of the war crimes tribunal in The Hague plans to disclose fresh evidence about the killing of Muslims by Serbs in Srebrenica. The judge is angry at Ifor's reluctance to arrest Dr Karadzic and his military counterpart, General Ratko Mladic.

The most important deadline was imposed as the price of sending 18,000 Americans in the first place: they must begin leaving by December 31. Since President Clinton is up for re-election in November, they will leave on time.

The policy being pursued in Bosnia is the lowest common denominator that can be agreed and achieved in the short time available, subject to one condition of overriding importance: American casualties must be avoided. "Body-bag phobia" is a powerful force in American politics. Ifor is the only real power the outsiders have in Bosnia and its risk-averse style is set by Nato. Nato's style is set by America.

Any idea of arresting Dr Karadzic, General Mladic and about 40 other killers stays on hold to avoid provoking the violent stand-offs which the arrests would cause. Ifor has refused responsibility for the huge task of guaranteeing the safety of returning refugees; a few weeks ago troops turned back "for their own safety" hundreds of Muslims and Croats going to visit family graves in Serb-controlled land.

Europe and America grumble at each other. Since the plan to build a "united, tolerant, multi-ethnic" Bosnia will not succeed, people are manoeuvring to avoid the blame. Richard Holbrooke, the American architect of Dayton, says that excessive European bureaucracy and timidity are messing up the reconstruction effort. American senators and congressmen are getting restive over the failure to capture and try Dr Karadzic and General Mladic.

The rows rumble but do not explode. The disagreements are as nothing compared to the Anglo-European splits over Bosnia in the early 1990s and for a simple reason: there are US Marines on foot patrol in Bosnia. Any politician opening his mouth a little too wide could get them killed. Bob Dole's only foreign policy attack on President Clinton so far dealt with China, not Bosnia.

As long as American and European soldiers share the risks on the ground, American and European governments cannot split over strategy or tactics.

The grandees of Nato recently got together in Berlin to discuss fresh plans for transatlantic co-operation on security.

The real version already exists in Bosnia: governments reluctantly yoked into an alliance which must stay together for fear of something worse — a little bit like couples ready to divorce who stay together for the sake of the children.

GEORGE BROCK



Graf: denies knowing about any fraud

Pressure on Graf increases

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

PRESSURE is increasing on Steffi Graf with today's claim by *Der Spiegel* magazine that she had intimate knowledge of a plan to cheat the German tax authorities.

Ms Graf denies all knowledge of tax fraud. Her father Peter and her accountant, however, are in prison awaiting trial this summer on charges of trying to channel some of her earnings into dummy companies established in The Netherlands and Lichtenstein.

The *Spiegel* disclosures, drawn from a book written by journalists from the magazine, accuse the tennis player directly.

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Stalinist ghosts dog Zyuganov in race to capture Kremlin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

TO THE sound of marching brass bands and the smiles of mini-skirted cheerleaders, Russia's Communists made a final attempt at the weekend to inject some colour and vigour into their lacklustre presidential campaign.

With a week to go to voting, and opinion polls showing President Yeltsin increasing his lead over Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, several thousand Communists rallied to cheer their leaders, wave red flags and chant victory slogans.

Young Communists — identifiable by their T-shirt slogan, "The young choose Zyuganov" — whooped as their leaders vowed to unseat President Yeltsin and return the Kremlin to Communist rule.

"We will lead the people not to the past but to the future," said Mr Zyuganov, who helped to rebuild the Communist Party into the most powerful political organisation in Russia after its near-collapse five years ago. "We will rely not on concentration camps, not on an Iron Curtain, not on prison labour but on modern culture, the best Russian and Soviet traditions."

At Saturday's rally Mr Zyuganov quoted extensively from the Bible, comparing Mr Yeltsin to a "beast from Hell", and drew heavily on Russian Orthodox imagery to appeal to the nationalist vote.

If the rally helped to boost morale among the Communist faithful and gain some valuable publicity in the Yeltsin-dominated media, it also exposed the party's glaring contradictions and weaknesses. The few hundred youngsters brought in to vitalise the event were heavily outnumbered by the elderly rank-and-file of the party, whose average age at the rally must have been near 60. The use of religious symbols was also unconvincing, since many of those in the audience held up portraits and placards in memory of Lenin and Stalin, who were responsible for destroying churches and executing priests.

There was also the central problem of the ideological differences between the alliance of left-wing and nationalist groups backing Mr Zyuganov's candidacy. While the Communist leader projected himself as a centrist and a pragmatist, others with him on stage were less coy.

Viktor Anpilov, a diehard Marxist-Leninist who is an integral part of the Zyuganov coalition, gave a fiery address which received a standing ovation. "We will win because Lenin is with us, Stalin is with us, and Russia is with us," he cried.

The effect left many observers even more confused than before about what today's Russian Communists really stand for, and what kind of government they would bring to the Kremlin if Mr Zyuganov wins on Sunday.

According to the latest opinion poll, published on Saturday in the *Moscow Times*, Mr Yeltsin, who has run a well-organised campaign, has increased his support to 34.5 per cent. Mr Zyuganov is trailing with 19.9 per cent.

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Two of the gate-crasher sculptors, Bjorn, right, and Bob'Art, being interviewed for television in front of their work in the Place de la Concorde in Paris yesterday

Sculptors show their metal

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THREE young sculptors yesterday gate-crashed one of the most prestigious open-air exhibitions of recent times, placing their unheralded work alongside that of Rodin and Picasso.

The woman from the city hall was flustered. "It is very pretty," she said, looking up at the giant sculpture that had appeared overnight in the Place de la Concorde. "But it will have to go."

Royon, Bob'Art and Bjorn, the three young artists, merely shrugged. "It is a nice feeling to be in such company," Royon said, "and we are in no hurry to take it away".

Penniless and unknown, he had become fed up with working to produce sculptures for minor exhibitions ignored by the public. So when Paris City Council announced that it was to display dozens of the world's most famous works in the Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysées, the three artists decided to strike.

At 6am yesterday Royon, Bob'Art and Bjorn — they refuse to give their real names — manoeuvred their three-tonne metal sculpture onto the pavement opposite Fernand Léger's creation *La fleur qui marche*. "We are not trying to make a statement," said Royon, 24. "We just wanted our work to be seen by a lot of people."

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Clinton promises to stop black church burnings

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS YET another distraught black minister surveyed the charred wreckage of his church over the weekend, President Clinton promised to do all in his power to end an epidemic of arson attacks on Southern black churches inspired by racial hatred.

"This must stop," Mr Clinton said shortly after the 93-year-old wooden sanctuary of the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, became the thirtieth black church destroyed by fire in the past 18 months. "Every family has the right to expect that when they walk into a church or synagogue or mosque each week they will find a house of worship, not the charred remains of a hateful act done by cowards in the night.

"As President, I am determined to do everything in my power to get to the bottom of these church burnings as quickly as possible. No matter how long it takes, no matter where the leads take us, we will devote whatever resources are necessary to solve these crimes."

Mr Clinton used his weekly radio address from the Oval Office to announce measures that include setting up a telephone hotline for informants, the dispatch of federal agents to advise Southern churches how to protect themselves, and support for legislation facilitating the prosecution of those responsible.

He also called on Americans to "rise up as a national community" against a crimewave that "harkens back to a dark era in our nation's history". He was referring to the countless attacks on black churches during the civil rights battles of the 1950s and 1960s that reached their climax with the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in which four children died.

"We must come together, black and white alike, to smother the fires of hatred that fuel this violence," he said, and called on whites to "roll up their sleeves" and help rebuild the churches.



Luther King: churches burnt on anniversary

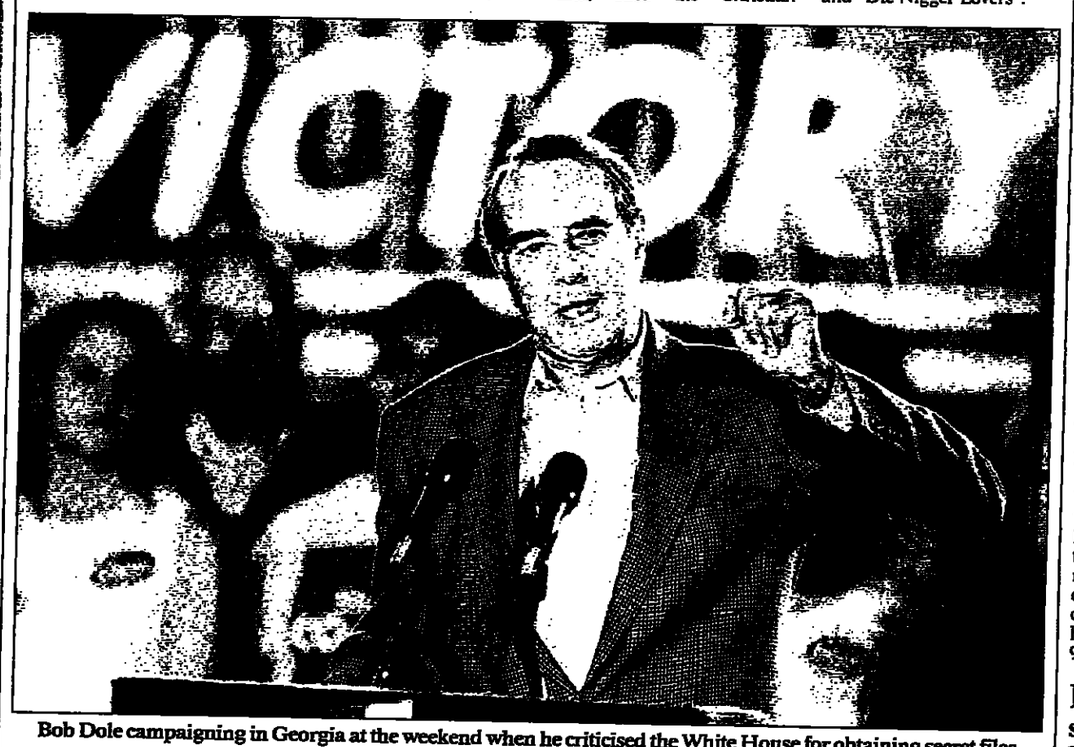
As Mr Clinton spoke, a bank offered a reward of $500,000 (£325,000) for information about the arsonists and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, met ministers from the burnt churches to discuss the progress of the federal investigations.

One church, the Macedonia Baptist Church of South Carolina, sued the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan after two of the white supremacist group's members were arrested in connection with a couple of the arson attacks. More than 200 federal agents are working with local police forces on the cases.

Since 1990 fires have been set in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and the Carolinas, and in the few cases where the arsonists have been caught they have all been white men, some linked to groups such as the KKK, the Aryan Nation or Skinheads for White Justice.

In 1993 three white teenagers chose the twenty-fifth anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination to destroy two black churches near McComb, Mississippi, using hymn books and artificial flowers as kindling.

Last January, after the burning of the Knoxville Inner City Baptist Church in Tennessee, police officers found graffiti on the charred remains that read "Die Niggers" and "Die Nigger Lovers".



Bob Dole campaigning in Georgia at the weekend when he criticised the White House for obtaining secret files

Dole attacks White House 'enemies list'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

BOB DOLE likened the Clinton White House to that of President Nixon during Watergate after it admitted at the weekend that it had improperly obtained background reports from the FBI on more than 300 Republicans.

"It smells to high heaven," declared Mr Dole, the Republican presidential nominee. Congressional leaders demanded hearings and Louis Freeh, Director of the FBI, ordered restrictions on the release of confidential information to the White House. Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff, yesterday apologised for what he called an "inexcusable" but innocent bureaucratic error.

The controversy erupted after the Republican chairman of a congressional committee investigating the "Travelgate" scandal accused the White House of improperly obtaining Billy Dale's FBI file in 1993 to try retrospectively to justify Mr Dale's dismissal as head of the White House travel office seven months earlier.

The White House was initially unable to say why it had asked for Mr Dale's file, but then explained that his was one of about 340 it had erroneously requested from the FBI. A spokesman said a junior aide reviewing the security clearances of officials inherited from the Bush Administration had been working from an outdated list.

Those whose files were obtained included James Baker, the former Secretary of State, Tony Blankley, Newt Gingrich's press secretary, and Kenneth Duberstein, President Reagan's chief of staff. Mr Dole was sceptical. He said the names read like a "Clinton enemies list" and hoped the White House was not laying the "spade work for a vicious, negative campaign" this autumn. "I remember Watergate, all the things that happened in Watergate because of this kind of tricks. We don't want to repeat it."

Tomorrow, after a final lunch with Republican colleagues, Mr Dole is to formally resign his Senate seat after 36 years in Congress, during which nine different men have occupied the Oval Office. He announced his departure a month ago to concentrate on his presidential campaign, but that gamble has failed to reduce Mr Clinton's double-digit poll lead: 82 per cent of respondents told a *Washington Post* survey that the resignation made no difference.

'Dead' commandos seek $11m back pay

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE United States declared dead scores of Vietnamese commandos it sent into North Vietnam during the 1960s, when it knew they had been captured and imprisoned.

The United States told the commandos' wives their husbands were dead, paid them a small one-off gratuity, then sought to bury the whole affair, according to newly released government documents. Many of the commandos survived their imprisonment and now live in America, where they have filed a lawsuit demanding $11 million (£7 million) in back pay. The documents should greatly strengthen their case.

The United States sent 500 commandos into North Vietnam in the early 1960s to foment resistance, gather intelligence and sabotage military targets. Documents show the Pentagon erased the men from the payroll despite evidence many were alive.

"The US killed these men off," said John Mattes, their lawyer. "They were left behind to rot in prison."

Plastic surgeons give ageing US executives a career lift

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AGEING American businessmen, anxious about their employment prospects, are undergoing plastic surgery in an attempt to survive corporate "downsizing" and razor-sharp office politics.

Figures from the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery show that men now account for more than a quarter of plastic surgery in America. Procedures include liposuction — to reduce bellies grown plump on expense accounts — and eyelid surgery to remove signs of age. Hair transplants, nose jobs and pectoral implants are increasingly ordered by executives who need to stave off the challenge of younger men.

In 1994, the last year for which figures are available, more than 37,000 American men yielded to liposuction, 22,204 had nose jobs and 18,350 had their eyelids stretched. More than 10,000 had chin implants. Sales of a leading male hair dye, Men's Choice, have risen 30 per cent in the last three years. The figures perhaps reflect an increase in corporate uncertainty, but may also have something to do with the relative cheapness of many procedures. A calf implant can be had for $3,000 (£1,960) and jaw surgery costs $5,000.

James Kennedy, publisher of *Executive Recruiter News*, identified a breed of "bionic executive" who will literally rebuild themselves if they think it is going to benefit them professionally.

America deplores Chinese atom test

Tokyo: The United States, alone among the world's five declared nuclear powers, criticised China for staging a nuclear test at the weekend. "We urge China to refrain from further nuclear tests and to join in a moratorium," a White House statement said.

Britain and France gave a muted response to the blast, while Russia made no comment. Italy, which holds the presidency of the European Union, regretted the test, and New Zealand deplored it.

The blast, which registered 5.7 on the Richter scale, was the 44th nuclear explosion at the Lop Nor underground test site since experiments started in 1964. *(Reuter)*

Iraqi weapons site destroyed

Baghdad: A United Nations germ warfare team is dismantling Iraq's main biological weapons site at al-Hakam, 50 miles south of the capital, a senior UN arms official said.

Under the Gulf War ceasefire terms, Iraq is to be stripped of weapons of mass destruction and the means to produce them. A second team, which included 20 experts on ballistic missiles and chemical arms, arrived in Baghdad to dispose of other banned weapons. *(Reuter)*

Tigers kill 17

Colombo: Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed 17 soldiers in an attack on an army camp in eastern Sri Lanka, defence officials said. Army and police reinforcements were delayed by rebel ambushes. *(Reuter)*

Max Factor dies

Los Angeles: Max Factor, who turned his Russian-born immigrant father's company into one of the world's largest cosmetics enterprises, died of heart failure here, aged 91. *(Reuter)* **Obituary, page 23**

Kashmir killings

Srinagar: Muslim separatists ambushed an army patrol near here and shot dead five Indian soldiers in Kashmir, a day after killing ten members of a Hindu family in a village. *(AFP)*

Forbidden art

Bonn: An exhibition including Nazi art, some of it locked away from German eyes since the end of the Second World War, opens at Berlin's Museum of German History today. *(Reuter)*

Croat arrested

Zagreb: Croatian police arrested Zlatko Aleksovski, 36, a Bosnian Croat, who is wanted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague on suspicion of committing war crimes in Bosnia. *(AP)*

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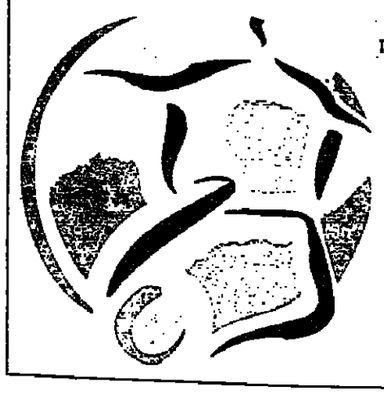
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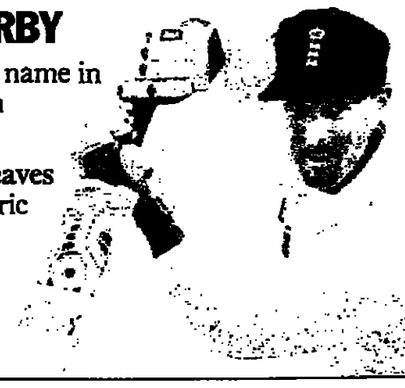
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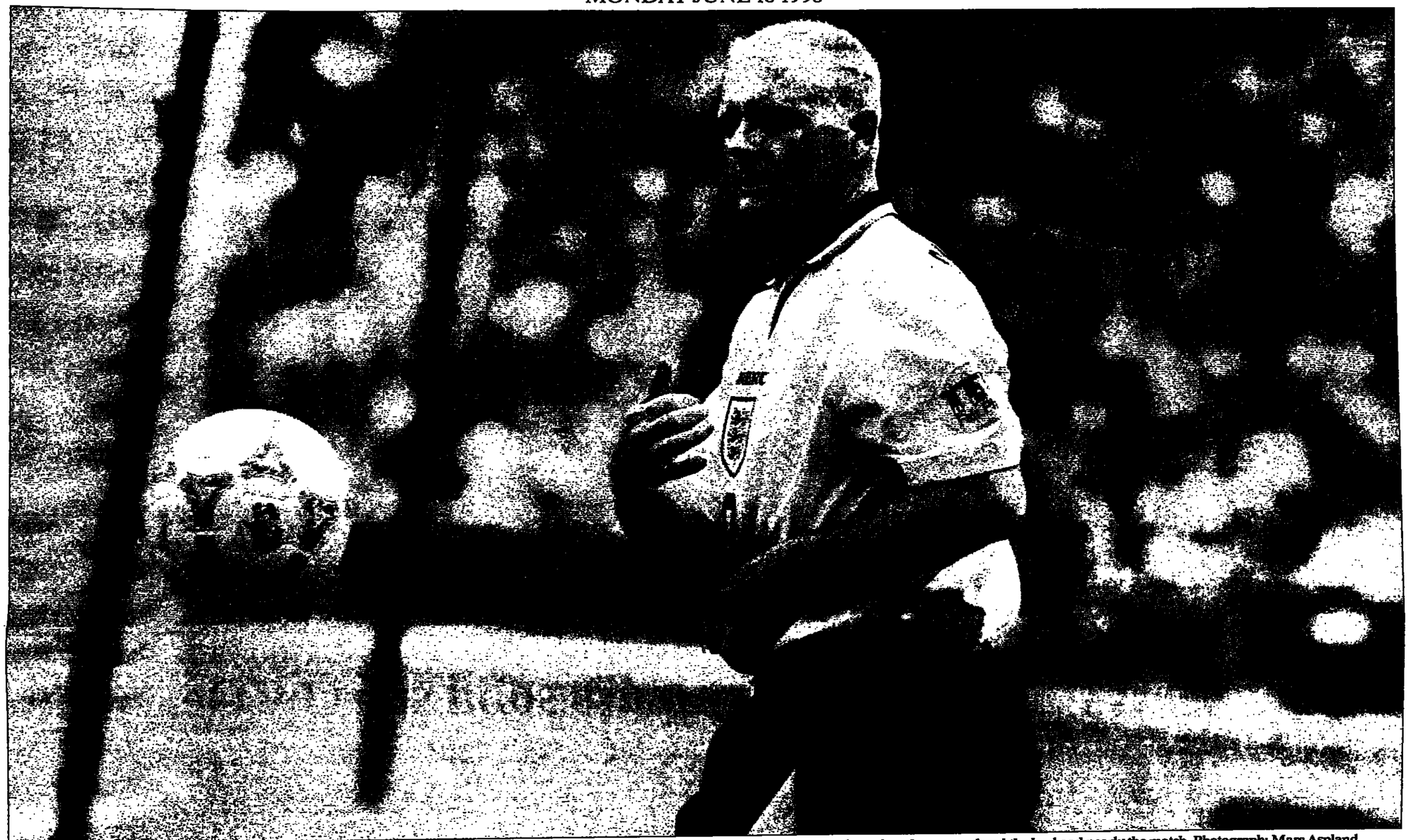


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The shape of problems to come: Gascoigne's lack of stamina undermined England's cause against Switzerland at Wembley on Saturday, when they squandered the lead and nearly the match. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Venables rewards tired team with two days off

England throw it all away

ROB HUGHES



Football correspondent

AN HOUR before Euro 96 kicked into unconvincing life at Wembley on Saturday, an Englishman dressed to kill lay injured beneath the royal box. This unfortunate gentleman, re-enacting the part of a knight in shining armour, had been crushed beneath his horse as it slipped during the pageant. He had been attempting something from medieval times and received a broken leg as a legacy of having neither the luck, the instinct nor the technique of skills lost long ago.

Alas, the modern image of the England football team lay with him, for when Paul Gascoigne, their would-be knight, ran out of steam after barely 50 minutes, it appeared that the host nation had lost the shine of its footballing arts, just as much as it no longer has the know-how to be world leaders in mounted combat.

Harsh? Certainly, but it will do no good to pander to jingoistic beliefs that the European championship is England's for the taking. On the evidence of the 1-1 draw against Switzerland, but also having seen so many tedious "friendlies" in the previous 30 months, the pre-tournament message from Terry Venables — that the time had come for England to make the world fear them — has lost something in translation. Foreign visitors, and many of the 400 million who watched this opening match on television abroad, may feel sympathy that England's standards have slumped so far.

Yes, England did win the World Cup here in 1966 after drawing 0-0 against Uruguay in the first match, but in those days a win was worth only one point more than a draw. This time, it is double, and this time not even the Swiss would claim that their team were world-class opponents, or that they had to play particularly well to come from behind and earn a much-merited draw.

Englishmen may hope that the improvement against Scotland and Holland is dramatic, but such patriotism is blind. Maybe we have been doing that for the past two years, believing that Venables, some kind of coaching messiah according to his supporters, can turn cart-horses into thoroughbred stylists. Maybe, indeed, the players duped themselves into thinking that opponents who came to Wembley in uncommitted "friendlies" were no match for, or no better than, them. Maybe they forgot the pain and concentration that go into competing in serious competition over 90 minutes.

Venables, after the match, admitted that the passing was awful, that he and his team would have to work on it, but there will be no work yesterday and none today because he has liberated the players, rewarded them with days off. The pity is that, if their bodies and minds are so tired, they were not granted that two weeks ago instead of junketing around the Far East.

England had travelled further before this competition than all the visiting nations put together and Gascoigne was the image of it as he slowed to the point where Johann Vogel, barely 19 and a youngster slow into his stride because of nervous tension, began to overwhelm England's finest. As the second half began, Vogel ran through, past and around Gascoigne, a young colt exposing an exhausted and blowing Englishman.

Yet Venables, having built his team around Gascoigne to the exclusion of talents such as Peter Beardsley, demurred from this viewpoint. "I didn't take Gazza off in the second half because he ran out of steam," the coach defiantly insisted. "They were all dead on their feet. I could have taken off any one of eight of them."



Venables: defiant but extremely disappointed

Really? What was the cause of their physical debility? Surely it has its reflections in the drunken buffoonery seen in all those photographs from Hong Kong. Surely the English are not so backward that they do not know that to fuel the body with tequila and other potents is, in the phrase coined by the late Bob Paisley, "putting paraffin in the petrol tank of athletes".

Added to that, England had abandoned the experiment, the belief, in trying to play football with greater sophistication than employing players four-square at the back. Those four — Gary Neville, Tony Adams, the captain, Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce — were woefully exposed. Which of them has genuine pace? Which of them was truly match-fit? Adams and Southgate had come through touch-and-go medical tests after serious knee injuries; Pearce, when Kubilay Turkyilmaz turned up the turbo-boost of his acceleration, floundered like a man out of time.

It is a terribly depressing picture at the start of a tournament that was to be the game "coming home". England can improve, must improve, and releasing Steve McManaman to a creative role in the centre instead of stapling him to the left flank would be a start. But it had better be done quickly — today rather than Tuesday would have made a more reasonable start — and it needs to be done without favouritism to players who clearly lack match-fitness. Fallen knights abound.

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Rivals train while their hosts relax

ENGLAND followed their surprise failure to overcome the Swiss on Saturday with another startling move yesterday (Oliver Holt writes). While the rest of the teams competing in Euro 96 were in action — either on the training field or in their opening games — Terry Venables let his players have a two-day holiday as a reward for their lacklustre draw.

A fleet of black chauffeur-driven cars was waiting outside Wembley on Saturday evening to ferry each member of the 22-strong squad back to their homes. They will not report back to their Buckinghamshire headquarters, the Burnham Beeches Hotel, until 7pm today. Their preparations for next Saturday's crunch game against Scotland will not begin until tomorrow morning.

The players' mini-break is likely to cause consternation among the millions of fans who saw England tire alarmingly in the second half. Several of the team, including Paul Gascoigne and Darren Anderton, appeared to be in need of all the extra training they can get.

The tactic did at least take England's rivals in group A by surprise. The Swiss reacted to Saturday's draw by training during the morning yesterday at the Belfry Hotel in Warwickshire, where they are preparing for Thursday's game against the Dutch at Villa Park. They will train today, too, before going to Villa Park this afternoon to watch the Dutch play the Scots.

Many of the Scots, who are staying at Stratford-upon-Avon, also have families nearby, but they have had no thoughts of flying visits home. "The Scottish team will be here until their involvement in Euro 96 has ended," a spokesman said.

If England had won, of course, Venables's libertarian philosophy would not have come under the microscope, but he is standing by his decision. "There is no question of them not having the time off. They have been together for one hard week of training and they have got another one ahead. Relaxed players are happy players," he said.

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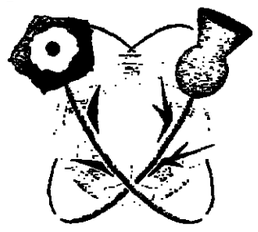
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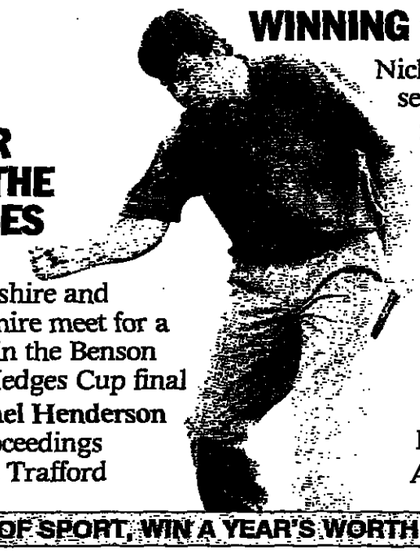
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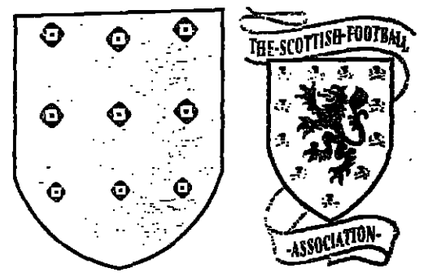
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TO CELEBRATE A GREAT SUMMER OF SPORT, WIN A YEAR'S WORTH OF CHAMPAGNE – ONLY IN *THE TIMES* TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Brown seeks out flaws in fading Dutch masters

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

GLOATING can be educational. The Scotland squad that relished the sight, on television, of England's slump against Switzerland will also have had a more edifying reaction to the opening match of the European championship. Craig Brown's side may still doubt their own worth, but they must have learnt that their rivals, too, can be weak and troubled.

The scale of the tournament and the lustre of many of its participants should never divert attention from the fact that it is competed for by fallible, stress-ridden footballers. Today, Scotland play their first match, against Holland at Villa Park, and Craig Brown, the manager, has been at pains to emphasise the opposition's accident-prone journey to this event.

He is too much the diplomat to denigrate another country, but Brown need only trot out the facts. In the qualifiers, Holland lost narrowly to Belorussia, were roundly defeated 3-1 by the Czech Republic and became the last team to clinch a place in England after defeating Ireland in a play-off.

Despite all the rhapsodies that followed the performance of Guus Hiddink's team at Anfield that night, the excellence was demanded by previous wretchedness. Scotland have had a horror of hyperbole ever since exaggerated ambitions were followed rapidly by ignominy at the 1978 World Cup, but Brown is trenchant when discussing this afternoon's game.

"If our players are all at their peak," he said, "I don't think Holland will beat us." The manager argues that the mystique of Dutch football does not exempt its team from the process of decay. At the 1992 European championship, Scotland also met Holland in the first match, losing 1-0, but Brown does not believe the present side possesses the exceptional talent of its predecessor.

"No matter what team Holland pick," he said, "they will not be so powerful as they were in Sweden. With Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten gone, they do not have such individual brilliance, even if they work well as a unit." Indeed, Brown's assessment meets with assent from many Dutch observers, who find reverence of their national team rather comic.

Hiddink's squad draws heavily on the Ajax squad, but

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he is unable simply to pick the redoubtable team of the world club champions. Finidi George and Jari Litmanen, a Nigerian and a Finn, never will be available and others have to be excluded for less conclusive reasons. Marc Overmars and Frank de Boer are injured and out of the Dutch party. Danny Blind, captain and puppet master of the defence, is suspended today and there are grave doubts about the involvement of Patrick Kluivert, who has played only 45 minutes of football in the past two months after undergoing knee surgery.

Jotting down the tribulations of Holland, however, can only distract Scotland for a limited period. This afternoon, they need to find the means to remind Hiddink's team of its problems. The further into attack Scotland go, the more they are overcome by blandness and in three recent friendlies against Denmark, the United States and Colombia, Brown's side has scored just once. Should they prove as innocuous again, Holland will have a soothing start to this championship.

It is likely that Gordon Durie, with just five goals in 28 appearances, will be partnered in attack by John Spencer, who has yet to score after winning nine caps. Any of the forwards in the squad, however, is entitled to complain over the paucity of chances created. Since there are no overwhelming new talents to be introduced, Scotland must strive instead for a change of outlook.

The old, reckless trait has virtually been eradicated, but Brown's team does need a greater degree of belligerence. In Gary McAllister and John Collins, the manager claims to have two highly-accomplished midfield players, but in lauding the pair he is also making demands. Both are asked to provide more assertive passing and running at the heart of the action.

The manager is left fretful about his defence, though, after a resolute performance at the back in the unlucky defeat by Colombia two weeks ago. The principal matter concerns Andy Goram, who fell out of favour after declining to play against Greece in August. Brown is, nonetheless, still likely to prefer Goram to Jim Leighton as goalkeeper, even though he refused to confirm the decision yesterday, adding: "It's not a big issue. I hope the man I pick won't have much to do." Scotland now face the difficult task of producing such insouciance on the field itself.

HOLLAND (probable, 3-1-3-3): E van der Sar — M Reiziger, J de Kock, W Bogarde — E Davids — R de Boer, C Seedorf, Richard Witschge — G Taument, D Bergkamp, Jordi

SCOTLAND (probable, 3-5-2): A Goram — C Calderwood, C Hendry, T Boyd — C Burley, S McCall, G McAllister, J Collins, T McKinlay — G Dune, J Spencer



Kuntz, the Germany striker, is marshalled by the Czech Republic defenders, Suchoparek, left, and Frydek, at Old Trafford yesterday

Injury mars solid start by Germany

Germany 2
Czech Republic 0

BY PETER BALL

YOU can always rely on Germany. After two draws, the search for the tournament's first winner ended at Old Trafford, where the favourites completed a solidly professional victory over the Czech Republic to take their place at the top of group C.

The loss of Jürgen Kohler, the German captain, who suffered severe knee-ligament damage and will return today to Germany for treatment, spoilt the German celebrations, but that apart, the only other blot was the performance of the referee, David Elleray, who was in his most pedantic, schoolmaster mode.

In a game of at most three or four bad tackles, Elleray showed ten yellow cards, seven in the second half, spoiling a previously good game in the process. It seems that, not only can the English not play the game well these days, they do not referee it well either.

Even Elleray failed to completely take the gloss off the German performance, however. The Czech's fatal lack of pace and awareness in defence meant that Germany were not fully extended, but they will clearly take some stopping, a fact the bookmakers quickly recognised, Ladbrokes cutting their odds for the championship from 7-2 to 11-4.

They are not, perhaps, as dazzlingly inventive as the Dutch at their best, but for all-round efficiency, this superbly athletic and powerful team is hard to fault.

Not even the absence of the suspended Jürgen Klinsmann affected them yesterday as Fredi Bobic came in to suggest for an hour that, when Klinsmann moves on, there is an outstanding replacement in the wings.

The *Bundesliga's* leading scorer last season, Bobic did not score yesterday, but his strong running and easy control provided the fulcrum for some telling thrusts. Behind him, Andreas Möller also had an outstanding game, but the star was Christian Ziege, an attacking left back in the German tradition of Breitner and Brehme, who watched Ziege's surges up the line with evident admiration, Ziege scoring the first goal and several times threatening to add to his account.

The game had a deceptive opening, with the Czechs looking the more likely initially, but both sides began cautiously. Bobic or Kuntz dropped back at the first sign of trouble while Sammer kept his creative instincts shut away.

Sammer's first venture forwards, a minute after Kohler had gone off, produced the first serious threat to the Czech goal. Sammer's header reached Bobic, whose acrobatic falling volley was parried without authority by Kouba. From the resulting corner, Möller got a free header and, although he put it wide, the evidence of cracks in the Czech defence encouraged Germany to attack with increasing conviction.

Soon, that conviction was rewarded as Ziege accepted Bobic's layoff, cut inside Latal and shot inside the post as Kadlec came to him too late.

Three minutes later, Ziege showed the less admirable side of his game as he was booked for putting his studs into Poborski's knee, the first yellow card, and one of the more deserved. But most of the German game was beyond reproach, and just after the half-hour they took complete control as Möller was allowed to run a long way.

Again he cut between Latal and Kadlec with the sweeper failing to get to him in time, and again Kouba was beaten low to his right, this time from more than 20 yards. The arrival of Berger after the interval gave the Czechs more thrust but, as the game deteriorated, they rarely threatened to turn the game their way.

GERMANY (1-4-3-2): A Kopke (Eintract Frankfurt) — S Reuter (Borussia Dortmund), J Kohler (Borussia Dortmund, sub: M Babbel, Bayern Munich, 14min), T Helmer (Bayern Munich), C Ziege (Bayern Munich) — T Hässler (Karlsruhe), D Ellts (Werder Bremen), A Möller (Borussia Dortmund) — F Bobic (Stuttgart, sub: T Strunz, Bayern Munich, 65), S Kuntz (Nesthas, sub: O Bierhoff, Udinese, 62)

CZECH REPUBLIC (1-2-5-2): P Kouba (Sparta Prague) — M Kadlec (Kaiserslautern) — M Hornak (Sparta Prague), J Suchoparek (Slavia Prague) — R Latal (Schalke 04), M Frydek (Sparta Prague, sub: P Berger, Borussia Dortmund, 45), R Bejbl (Slavia Prague), J Nemec (Schalke 04), P Nedved (Sparta Prague) — K Poborski (Slavia Prague, sub: R Drulak, Petro Dmovice, 45), P Kuka (Kaiserslautern)

Referee: D Elleray (England)

Spanish coach critical of Stoichkov

BY DAVID MADDOCK

JAVIER CLEMENTE, the Spain coach, was less than happy after his side's 1-1 draw against Bulgaria in the opening Group B game at Elland Road yesterday. His anger, though, was reserved for Hristo Stoichkov, the forward who opened the scoring against his side with a disputed penalty. The Spanish-based player is, he believes, a cheat.

Stoichkov did so much to unsettle Clemente's side with his aggressive running and incisive passing, but the coach was less than impressed. "Stoichkov is not very good for us because he does not want to play the game fairly. He just doesn't know how to play the game fairly at all," he said.

"He uses his shoulders to lean into players to look for fouls all the time and then goes down. He does it even when he could play fairly. He uses his elbows too to gain an unfair advantage."

Strong stuff from the Spanish coach, but Stoichkov was typically phlegmatic in his response. His face darkened as he dismissed the claim, suggesting instead that it was Bulgaria who were cheated out of victory.

"I do not know what Clemente is talking about. If anything, the game was unfair to me, because I scored a good goal that was wrongly ruled offside. I knew I was onside and the TV pictures prove it," he said. "We deserved victory, but I am happy because we will get stronger with every game. We will be best when we reach the final."

The Bulgaria coach, Dimitar Penev, backed up his player and complicated the question of blame by pillorying the match officials. The Bulgarians were infuriated by the referee, Piero Ceccarini, endorsing his linesman's decision. "In my opinion, the game should have finished 2-1 to us," Penev said. "We feel that Stoichkov scored a legal goal." Ceccarini's tough disciplinary stance — two players dismissed and seven others booked — also came in for criticism. "The referee was too harsh when producing red and yellow cards," he added.

Clemente was far more relaxed when talking about his own team's performance. Spain looked a little tense and lacked imagination, but he said: "Of course, I would like to have won, but the disaster would have been to lose and we avoided that. The pressure of the opening game affected us, but I think we were strong and will get better. We confirmed our position as one of the favourites for this tournament."

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FA backs plan to host World Cup

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Football Association has given its backing to a Government campaign to bid for the 2006 World Cup, supported by £1 billion of National Lottery money. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, said that an attempt to gain the Olympic Games in 2008 could follow if Fifa, football's governing body, can be persuaded to allow England to host again the event that it won in 1966.

"The Prime Minister and I are determined that we don't have to wait another 30 years before we once again play host to the sporting nations of the world," Bottomley said.

The idea has already gained the support of Lennart Johannsen, the president of Uefa, the governing body of European football, who is likely to play an increasingly-influential role in Fifa affairs after persuading them this week to allow Japan and South Korea to stage the 2002 World Cup jointly.

Steve Double, a Football Association spokesman, said: "We welcome her comments. Obviously, our priority at the moment is the current Euro 96 tournament, but this is something we are extremely interested in."

Bottomley said: "If it takes lottery money also to attract the Olympic Games in 2008, we are ready to spend it."

Perugia have been promoted to the *Serie A* in Italy, returning to the top division for the first time since they were demoted in 1981 after being deducted five points for involvement in a betting scandal. The club, from central Italy, which once fielded Paolo Rossi, beat the already-promoted Verona 3-2 to ensure promotion in their last league match of the season.

By the mid 1980s, Perugia were languishing in the fourth division after further relegation because of a bribery scandal. In 1993 they had a promotion to *Serie B* cancelled after an allegations that the club president had tried to bribe a referee with the gift of a horse.

In Dallas, Luis Garcia's 81st-minute goal gave Mexico a 1-0 victory over Bolivia in the opening match of the 1996 US Cup tournament. Garcia took advantage of a mistake by Oscar Sanchez, the Bolivia defender, to hit a right-footed shot past an out-of-position Mauricio Soria in the Bolivia goal.

The victory gave Mexico three points in the four-nation tournament, which also involves the United States and Ireland. The Mexicans, with an eye on the Atlanta Olympic tournament, brought their under-23 squad — supplemented by five veterans.

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Buzzing with excitement on a new playground

LYNNE TRUSS



KICKING & SCREAMING

I have settled into this job already. Football correspondent, and just for kicks. In five hours on Saturday afternoon my outlook on the world was completely transformed and I now wear a funny wig in stripes of red, white and blue. I can still remember a time before this occurred.

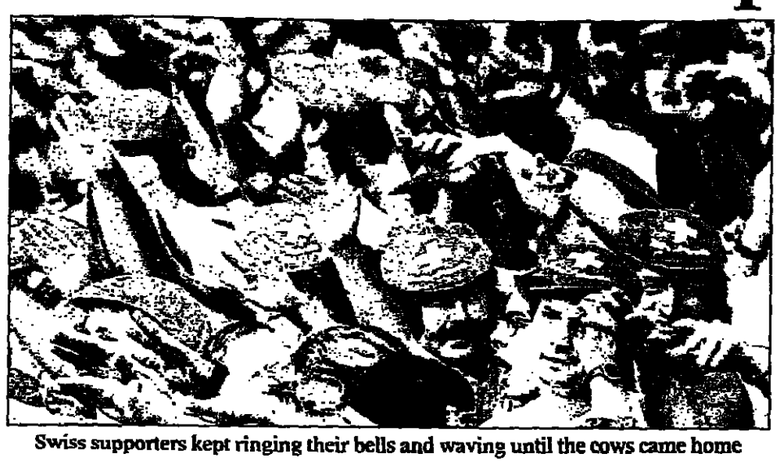
On the Wembley train, for example, I cast a genuinely interested eye over the opposing fans. Swiss, eh? Blokes with shorts and braces? As the train paused at Swiss Cottage these exotic creatures slapped their hairy legs and swapped funny old CH words about it, and I was transfixed. I smiled at them. An international match, with international people. A chance to make friends with the world.

It is quite normal to worry about guests. I always hover around groups at parties saying "All right, all right?" Such touching concern was what I felt for Switzerland initially on Saturday. As the stadium filled, it became apparent that the Swiss were all bunched in one corner, at the same end as me. They waved little flags and made dink-dink noises with cowbells. I saw they were surrounded by gruff Eng-er-land-Eng-er-land chanters, and worried they would feel left out.

"All right?" I wanted to call across. "All right?" There was no knowing. But every so often they performed a strange ritual (possibly some atavistic fondue thing) which involved waving both arms horizontally in front, ringing the cow-bell and murmuring "Wooooooo!" like ghosts, until finally flinging their arms back, in a vertical Mexican wave. This bizarre antic was ignored by the English fans until the first goal was scored, when suddenly, spontaneously, they aped it. "Oooo!" they jeered sarcastically, waggling their arms at the Swiss. And this was the moment of truth for me. I suddenly realised whose side of the playground I was on. I was with this lot. We had scored and they hadn't. They were Swiss and we were winning. All I needed now was the funny wig.

With Saturday's match by general consent such a big bore, it was natural to take what entertainment you could get. The pre-match razzmatazz (rather loosely themed, if I may say so) gave us medieval pageant, George and the dragon, Mick Hucknall, a parade of football greats, a really big lot of balloons, a really big lot of flags and Red Devil parachutists spiralling at an awesome velocity like sycamore seeds into the arena. The best place to see most of this palaver was the airship overhead (or on telly), but we groundlings got the gist. The trouble with this over-stimulating cocktail of events was obvious, however: such a build-up made the subsequent cruddy performance of the England team even more of a let-down.

But the goal was great, wasn't it? The goal was marvellous. We all jumped up and down and made lovely mockery of the Swiss. True, nothing else much happened after that until the fateful penalty, but while England's battery flickered inexorably lower, at least I had a good opportunity to learn the etiquette of the grandstand, in particular the upsy-downsy business of standing up and gasping with false-dawn anticipation every time Paul Gascoigne gets possession, and sinking down again with a groan when the ball gets passed to Mister Nobody and starts heading in the wrong direction.



Swiss supporters kept ringing their bells and waving until the cows came home

You stand up, you sit down and sometimes, for quite long periods (I didn't know this), you go really quiet and miserable, as if you are under water. I was particularly pleased to master the interesting half-sitting position which goes with corner activity. Having jumped up, you now bend the legs and turn slightly, but don't quite sit down, because there's a chance you might soon have to stand up again. So you wait with your bum sticking out until the tension has been resolved one way or the other. It's quite good for the thighs.

I had a Euro 96 pager with me on Saturday, with a BT service. It is a wonderful but mysterious object, which occasionally buzzes and vibrates to alert you to a new score. I think it is intended for businessmen, who can receive a football update in meetings without anyone noticing; taking it to the match with me was slightly superfluous. But as I said earlier, get your kicks where you can baby, so I clutched my pager throughout the afternon and when I felt it buzz for the first time ("Blimey, feel *that*, I said aloud), it was honestly quite thrilling. Due to this exciting gadget, I was probably the only English person with access to consolation when Switzerland equalised. Oh good, I thought, now the pager will have to buzz again. And *buzzzzzz* — there it went.

I didn't see the Swiss on the way home. As the demoralised English crowds shuffled complaining to the exits, the last sight I had of the guest country they were wooooing like banshees again and waving the little flags, with apparently no intention of moving — at least, until the cows came home. I had no idea whether their team had played well; I had never taken my eyes off the men playing in white. At an event like that, it turns out you can have a grand view, yet quite a narrow view at the same time.

FOOTBALL: SKILFUL OPENING ENCOUNTER IN GROUP B TARNISHED BY SPITEFUL UNDERTONES

Stoichkov's guile finds its match in Spanish might

Spain 1
Bulgaria 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL from another world, it seemed another planet, was displayed at Elland Road within 24 hours of the shocking affair at Wembley. Spain and Bulgaria achieved the same score as England and Switzerland had, but it would be stretching the Trades Description Act beyond measure to try to describe it as the same game.

Under bright sunlight, with a quite capricious wind, the Spanish might, harshly organised in the uncompromising Basque tradition of the coach, Javier Clemente, for long periods seemed to overpower the guile of their opponents. The Bulgarians, their nature often seeming to be more Latin than the Spaniards, mixed a heady cocktail of movement that stretched the imagination, and spite that ultimately stretched the Italian referee too far.

In a period midway through the second half, both teams scored, Bulgaria through the inevitable Stoichkov penalty and then Spain after a free kick. But in that period, the yellow-card count swelled to seven, there were two red cards, myriad substitutions, and for all the claim that professional refereeing is what the British game needs, here was an Italian, Piero Ceccarini, showing scant control. Perhaps no one should blame him, for when players of different cultures so wilfully decide to kick or strike one another, or to dive when no contact whatever is made, it would take a god to maintain order.

Stoichkov is credited with divine talents by his admirers; he still displays such arrogance of mind, such deception with his runs for the diagonal balls fed in from midfield, that his own opinion that there is no better player created than himself might, at times, carry justification.

What a contrast he is to Ivanov. This defender, bow-legged, one eye seeming to be almost permanently half-closed, a rough stubble of beard, and long trailing hair, recently found a home for his skills in Vienna, having passed through Coventry City and being rejected after getting himself sent off in a reserve game. The temperament, one can fault: but the optimism and the power of shot of Ivanov twice lifted every person in Leeds United's half-filled stadium yesterday. He tried a chip from the left side of the field when he spotted Zubizarreta off his line, the ball travelled almost 50 yards and nestled just outside the far post. Later, Ivanov, with a free kick much closer to the goal, no more in fact than 30 yards out, managed to skid the ball inches wide of the far post.



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Spain also had a player who would try anything from almost any distance. Hierro, the personification of his team in sheer physical presence and power, brought Reading's Bulgarian goalkeeper, Myhailov, to a wonderful save, twisting in mid-air to palm the ball over.

There was a negative period, but the caution contained cunning. Unlike England v Switzerland, the players knew the purpose of their defensiveness; they would seek to draw the opponent to them, to strike out of nothing like a viper. Stoichkov and Kostadinov were absolute masters of inviting opponents to mark them as close as a second skin, and then suddenly to spin away, to make runs which their colleagues seemed intuitively to read.

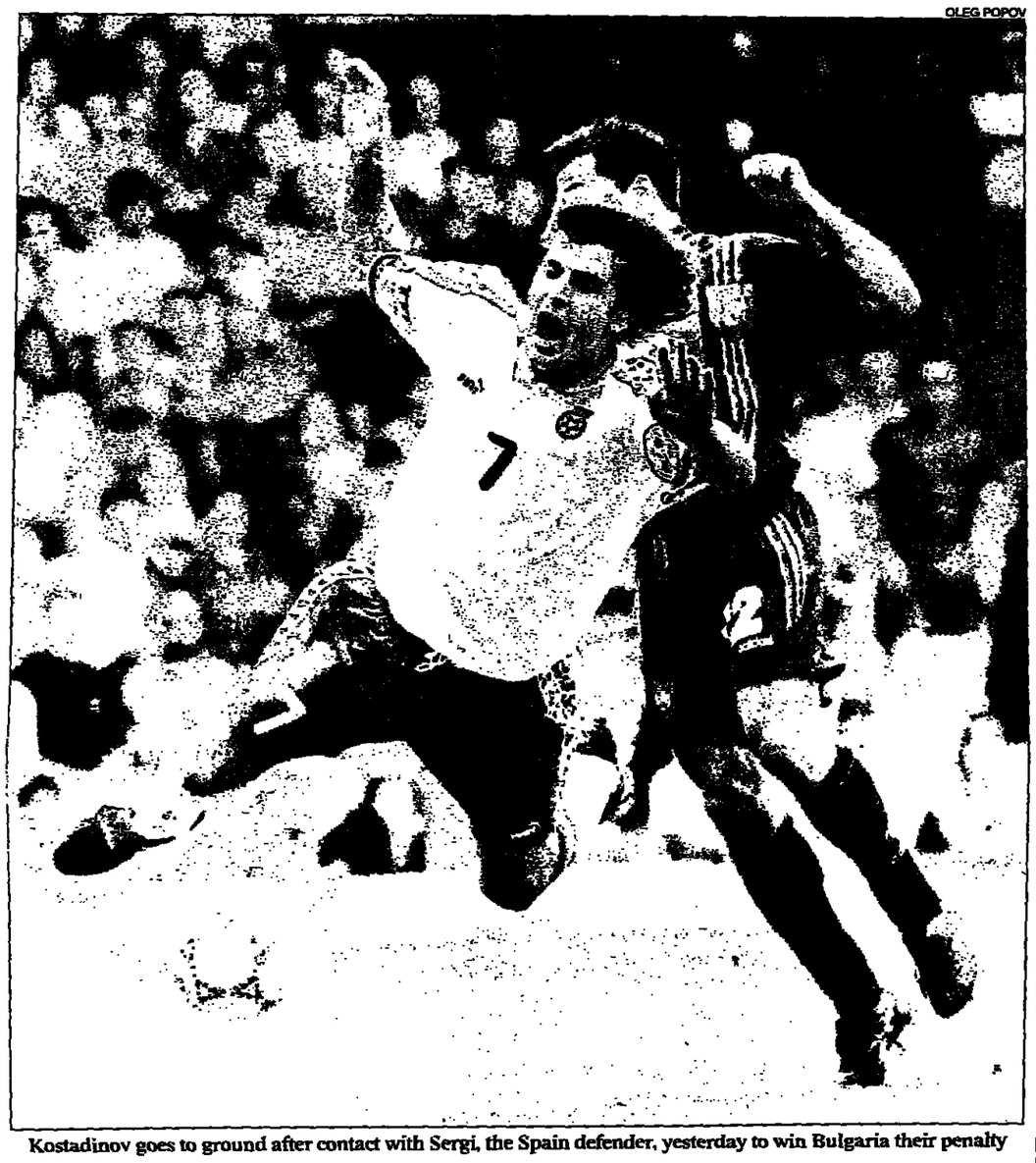
One such run in the 65th minute brought the penalty. Stoichkov hit the pass, slanting and fading the ball in from left to right. Kostadinov ran across Sergi, the Barcelona defender, ran looking for the merest contact. Down he went, up went the referee's hand, a penalty from the craft of the diver, and Stoichkov imperiously used the hammer of his left foot to strike the ball against the inside of Zubizarreta's left-hand post. Stoichkov's 32nd goal in 62 internationals; one wonders what the supporters of Parma would make of it, since he has deigned to give them just four goals in an entire season.

Back with a vengeance came the Spanish armada. Just six minutes after going behind, they levelled amidst mayhem. Hubchev, the tall Bulgaria centre back, was sent off for tackling through the heels of Pizzi right on the edge of the penalty box. Hierro's free kick hit the substitute Iordanov, spun away but was then deflected into the net by Alfonso. It was the first touch of both Iordanov and Alfonso. Pizzi, the victim earlier, then committed his first foul in an afternoon littered with malice, and attracted the second red card in the 74th minute.

The predominantly Spanish crowd felt that Pizzi paid the price for a referee trying to neutralise matters; but the foul on the halfway line, stretching and catching Kischischev's trailing leg, did carry enough spite to warrant severe reprimand.

Clearly, neither of these two sides is going to surrender in the tight nature of Group B, and clearly Uefa's Fair Play flag is not for them. Yet this was spite laced with beauty. Nine minutes from the end, Balakov once again produced a visionary through-ball and Stoichkov sneaked in unseen. His header was deft, but the ball evaded the angle between bar and post ... the glare of the arrogant gunslinger carried the venom to shoot Zubizarreta, once his team-mate at Barcelona, quite dead.

OLEG POPOV



Kostadinov goes to ground after contact with Sergi, the Spain defender, yesterday to win Bulgaria their penalty

SPAIN (4-4-1-1): A Zubizarreta — A Belsue, R Alkorta, F Abelardo, Sergi — J-L Camihero (sub: Donato, 82min), G Amor (sub: P Alfonso, 72), F Hierro, L Enrique — J Guerrero (sub: J Amavisca, 51) — J Pizzi.

BULGARIA (4-3-2-1): B Mythailov — R Kischischev, P Hubchev, T Ivanov, I Kinakov (sub: T Tzatanov, 72) — I Letchkov, Z Iankov, K Balakov — E Kostadinov (sub: I Iordanov, 72), H Stoichkov — L Penev (sub: D Borimarov, 77)

Referee: P Ceccarini (Italy)

Romania to test Jacquet's theory

BY DAVID MADDOCK

NO Cantona, no Ginola; they must be good. They are. After all the talk about their English exiles, Aimé Jacquet, the France manager, finally gets the chance to put into practice his theory that two (admittedly inspiring) individuals would do little to enhance the team ethics of his side.

We shall see and Romania this evening is as interesting a test as any for the new-look French. In England, the omissions, especially that of Cantona, are seen as a bold gamble. Across the water, there has barely been a ripple.

Jacquet believes that it is because the Anglo pair are of the past and his side is very much one of the future. "In France, we had the Platini generation, then the Cantona-Papin generation. Now we have moved on to a new generation, which has replaced the old," he said.

"I know there has been surprise in England that I have left out Cantona, but then maybe the English, with their fast, furious Premiership, are not the best judges. Everyone will judge me on this team and I believe it will go all the way."

Jacquet has one rider to that confident assertion — he fears the enigmatic Romanians. It is vital, he believes, to emerge unscathed from a daunting encounter with Hagi and his talented if inconsistent band.

"I fear this first match above all because the pressure, on a physical, technical and mental level, will surpass anything that my players have experienced before," he said.

Jacquet is keeping his line-up to himself, but the team that started the friendly against Germany last week should line up again, although Dugarry, AC Milan's latest acquisition, could lose out to Loko.

Romania's selection looks even more straightforward, with only the injured Sabau missing from the players given the first 11 squad numbers.

Piquant dish provides food for thought

Simon Barnes on a match involving brain as much as brawn

that was a welcome contrast to England's tired offering

But on the Sunday the grown-ups arrived. After the rather embarrassing hors-d'oeuvre on Saturday, Spain and Bulgaria served up a dish that was distinctly piquant, well-chillied with drama, skill and ambition.

And thought, of course. That was the most obvious difference between the England of the opening day and these two sides that appeared a day later. The technical level was obviously higher as well, but that is something we have been used to for a very long time. The interesting point was that yesterday we had football filled with invention, purpose and wit.

Most of it was pretty cautious, but there is a difference between being careful and being scared. This match had something of the rhythm of a fencing bout. This was particularly so with Spain, a team clearly moulded by the will of the coach, Javier Clemente. Spanish attacks were always followed by a wonderfully fluid snapping-back into the *en garde* position. Ah, you say, but these foreigners, they have more time to prepare than our boys from the toughness of the packed domestic season, but the Spanish have only just finished their own domestic season: all the same, each player knew exactly what he was about.

English players have assignments, too, but there is a difference between demarcation lines and areas of responsibility. The tactical discipline of the Spanish and their rather surprising mistrust of flair made for a potent contrast with Bulgaria.

Bulgaria have the reputation for being a mixture of flair and spite, rather like a marguerita cocktail. Again, it was their wit that excited. Ivanov, a defender who looks like the man from Central Casting to play the part of a knife-wielding mugger, showed — as well as the odd dud — three post-brushing shots of startling inventiveness. But their captain, Stoichkov, is, as ever, the tequila in the marguerita. He scored one wonderful goal, doing so with a dead-eyed casualness, that was ruled offside, and converted the penalty with enviable certainty. He was also daft enough to get himself booked for dissent after 23 minutes.

There was much of the match that was cerebral. Things grew more frenzied as time passed, as two sendings-off make clear, but despite all that, the quality of thought never quite went out of the window.

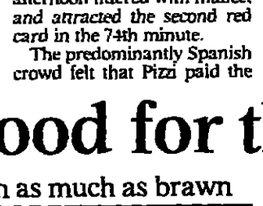
Football is a passionate game, but passion alone is not enough. Not at this level. These tournaments are always about clashes of footballing culture and it is most disconcerting to watch the football of this weekend after a full season of the FA Carling Premiership. For it was not a bad season — far from it. If we take away mere partisanship, it was rich, intriguing, exciting, refreshing: a good and satisfying tale told over the long months of the winter and spring.

And now, in summer, to see the same players look a bunch of second-raters is a seriously unsettling experience. There are enough foreigners and enough fancy foreign skills and enough wonderful exoticisms in the Premiership to make all the richness of individual technique less than a surprise.

No, it is the fact of *team* technique that comes as a surprise, a culture shock, every time we get to an important footballing occasion like this. There is very little wrong with the players other than the culture they play in. It seems that, for an English footballer, the true exoticism is not a talented individual or a trick with a ball. It is one thing only: thought.

Of course, tournaments are not won and lost in first matches: these are, in fact, a woefully inaccurate guide. Many teams come storming out of the traps like greyhounds, only to fall away at the first difficult match. In these tournaments, there is a real danger of peaking too early. Well, England have managed to avoid that quite triumphantly. So, for that matter, have Spain and Bulgaria. But in their own 1-1 draw, they have food for thought.

☐ Stoichkov, who was playing against several former Barcelona team-mates, said: "We got our preparations right for the match. We couldn't do any more, we looked to play our counter-attacking game and created four or five good chances."



Stoichkov: inventive

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England out-thought and out-fought

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Anderton joins Shearer to celebrate the England forward's first goal for his country in 1,088 minutes of international football

England 1
Switzerland 1

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AN OPENING match never did a tournament make, and thank heavens for that. Wembley Stadium on Saturday was as much in its pomp as the old arena can be made to appear, but the England team, coming off lucky in the end to draw with a most ordinary Switzerland team, were surely far from the best we can produce.

We really could not have started off the most important tournament in England for 30 years with more advantages. The Swiss even had two experienced players suspended because of yellow cards in the qualifiers and yet the turning point to this first encounter was the sight, shortly after half-time, of Johann Vogel, a youth of 19, who admitted at the training camp that the thought of competing against Paul Gascoigne, "one of the greats", overawed him, brushing his hero aside. The Swiss say that Vogel is not particularly fast. He was made to look like Linford Christie.

Yet England had had the start they wanted when Alan Shearer repaid the astonishing longevity of Terry Venables's faith and tolerance. Forget the excuses that he is more than a goalscorer — a non-striking centre-forward is a weight on the whole team's confidence — and so, when Shearer did breach Marco Pascolo's goal in the 22nd minute with thunderous might and consummate confidence, it was like water on the parched tongue of a player who had striven in vain for 1,088 minutes to score for England.

It was a move of quality, too. Gascoigne, in the first half once again the one Englishman whose technical ease with the ball shone out, began it. His ball through the middle found Shearer, who gave it to Ince and then turned intuitively to move ten yards into space in the penalty area.

Ince, though he was to become quite irresponsible in the second half, now moved with mind and body fully co-ordinated. He held the ball, he waited and, when he slipped it through no fewer than four rather static red shirts, there was Shearer to beat the goalkeeper from eight yards at the near post with the kind of freedom and power that make him the most consistent marksman in English football.

Perhaps the Swiss had a case for complaint that, if Shearer was onside, then Sheringham may have been marginally off. That was to matter no more, no less than England's later complaint that the handball by Stuart Pearce that conceded the penalty equaliser was "involuntary".

However, between the two actions was the sorry tale of England's game falling away, a quite distressing vision of England's reputation for stamina, athletic preparation and mental courage appearing bloated beyond belief. Before half-time, Sheringham had headed against the goalkeeper's legs, Shearer and Southgate had both directed "free headers" off target and yet the warnings that no ounce of complacency was justified came largely through the pace of Kubilay Turkyilmaz.

Southgate, allegedly the rookie in the England defence, had twice bailed out that square back four when Adams was caught looking lethargic and Neville showed his impetuous streak. Southgate could do nothing in the fortieth minute, though, when Turkyilmaz took a corner on the right, Stephane Henchoz flicked the ball on and Marco Grassi, from barely three yards out, astonishingly hit the underside of the crossbar.

In the tactical battle, Artur Jorge had outwitted Venables. England expected that Chapuisat would start in a three-man forward line. Chapuisat was not totally fit, so his coach kept him in reserve; would that England had such a luxury with four players — Shearer, Southgate, Adams and Anderton — all back from injuries and looking as though they need more time and conditioning.

More than that, Switzerland deployed Alain Geiger, their captain, with 111 caps, not behind his defence but in front of them, ensuring that England's attacking partnership of Shearer and Sheringham was split. How Sheringham wilted in this contest of wills; how Vega, the Spanish-born Switzerland central defender, dominated while Geiger took care of the Tottenham man.

And, when England sat back, the Swiss re-invigorated their attacks from midfield until they more than deserved the luck of an equaliser a full hour after the England goal. Southgate, so sure of himself until then, unwittingly gave the game away. His header out of defence fell straight to Grassi, whose attempt to hook the ball back into the goalmouth was met by Pearce. His hands were dangerously high and, though he would claim his only thought was protecting his face, once the ball struck his hand, the Spanish referee was entitled to interpret that, harshly, as a penalty. Turkyilmaz almost nonchalantly sent Seaman scuttling to his right and delivered the ball along the ground to the left.

The draw was as much as a faded England deserved, particularly when, in the final minutes, Chapuisat, on as a substitute, made Adams grope with ridiculous ineptitude and Grassi drew the save of the match from Seaman.

"You don't just get given the points," Venables snapped. "It's not fantasy football." No sir, not even close.



Pearce struggles to come to terms with the penalty decision given against him

ENGLAND (4-4-1-1): D Seaman (Arsenal) — G Neville (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), G Southgate (Aston Villa), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest) — D Anderton (Tottenham Hotspur), P Ince (Internazionale), P Gascoigne (Rangers, sub: D Platt, Arsenal, 74min), S McManaman (Liverpool, sub: S Stone, Nottingham Forest, 67) — E Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur, sub: N Barmby, Middlesbrough, 87) — A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers).
SWITZERLAND (4-3-1-2): M Pascolo (Servette) — S Jeanneret (Neuchâtel Xamax), R Vega (Grasshopper), S Henchoz (SV Hamburg), Y Quentin (FC Sion) — J Vogel (Grasshopper), A Geiger (Grasshopper, sub: M Kollo, Grasshopper, 67), C Stotzo (Bayern Munich) — C Bonvin (FC Sion, sub: S Chapuisat, Borussia Dortmund, 67) — M Grassi (Rennes), K Turkyilmaz (Grasshopper)
Referee: M Diaz Vega (Spain)

Venables dare not fail his next challenge

BOBBY ROBSON



Wembley Commentary

I know how Terry Venables is feeling this morning. I have been there myself as England manager. In the 1986 World Cup finals, we lost our first match to Portugal 1-0 and, four years later, we drew with Ireland in our opening tie. Both were matches we had been expected to win. Inevitably, the pressure will build on them throughout the week.

If I could offer Terry and the team one piece of advice, it would be this. The draw with Switzerland on Saturday was a bad result. There is no way around that. It was a bad performance, too, with so many players not giving what they are capable of. The way they tired so quickly in the second half was ominous because they should not be tired in the first match. The Swiss deserved their point.

Yet it is not the end of the world. We are still on the dance floor. In 1986, we reached the quarter-final before Diego Maradona cheated us. Four years later, it was all doom and gloom after the Ireland game and we made it to the semi-finals. Things change.

We did not lose against Switzerland. We have got a point. The objective is to qualify and to go on to the next stage. You cannot win the tournament until you qualify and we do not even know what is going to happen between Scotland and Holland this afternoon. We could all be level-pegging after that game.

Terry does not need to pick the team for the game against Scotland today. There is no rush. He can sit back and take stock. The team on Saturday might still be his best one for Saturday. I thought it was the right one to pick, to be honest. Perhaps there will be a couple of modifications, but I doubt there will be big changes. We have got two difficult matches to come, but so have the Swiss.

> 'There is all to play for and no reason to be despondent'

When it fell apart for us in the second half, it took my mind back to the Portugal game, in particular, and it reminded me that, after that game, spirits were low in the England camp and there was a lot of pressure. But that only lasted for about 48 hours. I learnt then that players are very resilient. They know they have put you, the manager, in a spot and that they all have to row the boat together through choppy seas.

It is also the time when the real importance of the manager comes in to its own. You have to raise the spirits because the press is not going to do it for you and the hotel waiter is not going to do it. It is a time for management and you must not fail. You are the captain of the ship and it is up to you to make it sail. The team needs your guidance. The players really need you.

So Terry must be fair in his appraisal of the team and keep the morale going. I am sure they will watch videos of the Swiss game and they have to ask why they were poor and what they can do about it. They have to make sure they keep looking forward, not back. They will read the newspapers and the criticism but they will ignore it.

When they look at those videos, though, I wonder if Terry might regret not having included Jason Wilcox in the squad because one of the main problems on Saturday was the lack of good, early crosses into the box. Sheringham and Shearer are great headers of the ball, but we did not give them any service.

Even though McManaman had a few good dribbles and beat people, there were no crosses from either him or Anderton like the ones that Barnes, Waddle and Trevor Steven used to produce in my time as England manager, giving Lineker and Beardsley the chance for the kill. Sheringham seemed very confused. He usually plays intelligently, but I thought he had one of his poorest internationals. Perhaps six years ago, Pearce might have got in front of McManaman to get some crosses of his own in, but his age is against him now.

Part of the problem, of course, is the level of expectancy that is heaped on every England team. I suppose it is Alf Ramsey's fault. If he had not won the World Cup, the expectations would not be so high, but there is great pressure on us to win a tournament again. There is a huge amount of optimism that we are the best, but I think Euro 96 will prove to people that they play great football in other parts of the Continent.

Before we get too upset about the result, though, there is one other fact we can comfort ourselves with. Argentina lost the opening match of Italia 90 to Cameroon, even though Cameroon only had nine men by the end of the match. Who got to the final that year? Argentina. There is still a lot of football to be played in Euro 96. There is no reason to be despondent.

ITV coverage falls wide of the mark for watching millions



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

LIKE England's performance at Wembley, ITV's handling of the opening afternoon of Euro 96 got worse as it went along. So poor was the last 15 minutes of the four-hour coverage that ITV might as well have gift-wrapped the rest of the tournament and sent it round to the BBC.

The game was over and so, eventually, were the commercials. Now, at last, was the moment for some serious footballing chat. An entire nation demanded to know: "Where had it gone wrong?"

Alex Ferguson, speaking slowly to avoid the need for sub-titles, said something reasonably interesting about keeping hold of the ball; John Barnes said something reasonably inevitable about the penalty ("bit harsh") and, for the first time all afternoon, Jack Charlton said nothing at all. Total time spent? Just over a minute.

With that, it was down to Gary Newbon in the tunnel who had ... well, just over a minute to put the nation's questions to the England coach, Terry Venables. First question — fair enough — was about the penalty. "Looked a very harsh decision?" Venables concurred: "Very harsh." Question two used a broader brush. "What was wrong with the performance in the second half?" Poor passing was Venables's narrow-brush riposte.

"And why did you take off Gascoigne and McManaman?" Actually, that wasn't the third question at all, it was just the question that millions of England fans were willing Newbon to ask. Instead, he went for the jugular with: "So the pressure's now on to get a win?" Yes, Gary I think it probably is.

Never mind, one opportunity missed — there would be more to come, surely? But apparently not. By now, well into minute three of this incisive post-match analysis, it was "competition time ..." and with that out of the way, it was off to a live link to the Scotland training camp and the wise words of Ally McCoist and John Collins.

Both were impressively articulate, but their contribution was the wrong item at the wrong moment. We wanted discussion of England's shortcomings by recognised footballing pundits, not Ferguson and Charlton ineloquently demonstrating why they are football managers and not television interviewers.

If this is the best ITV can offer, Alan Hansen should have our undivided attention this summer, with or without the help of Ruud Gullit. If this wasn't the best, why wasn't it? Where, for example, was Glenn Hoddle, whom ITV has been making such a fuss about?

In the commentary box, Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan made their partisan intentions clear from the start. "That's the best I have heard that anthem sang," observed Keegan, who, as resident expert, is allowed to say that sort of thing. "I agree," said Moore who, as a supposedly impartial professional commentator, is not. Personally, I thought their patriotic dialogue pretty much captured the mood of pre-match expectation, but, from your letters, I know many of you take a more purist view and when Moore started talking about "having a feeling in my water that 1-0 might not be enough", even I began to have my doubts.

Technically, the news was more encouraging. The joint-venture between ITV and the BBC, which promises to have at least 17 cameras at every match, had all the angles covered and provided excellent replays of both moments of controversy — Shearer's goal (was it offside?) and the penalty (was it handball?).

For ITV, the problem is not the quality of the replays, but the quality of the people they have talking to the replays. Leading the discussion was Bob Wilson. It is tempting to say that Wilson looks out of practice in handling the really big occasion (ITV Sport has had a lean time of it recently) but I don't think he has ever been in practice. Well, he is about to get lots and, no doubt, he will improve. The same, however, cannot be said of Charlton, whose selection for the ITV team is one of the strangest decisions in recent television history.

LACOSTE

Loyalty and patience undergo another rigorous examination

Nicolas Andrews endures a day of anguish only too familiar to the terrace faithful

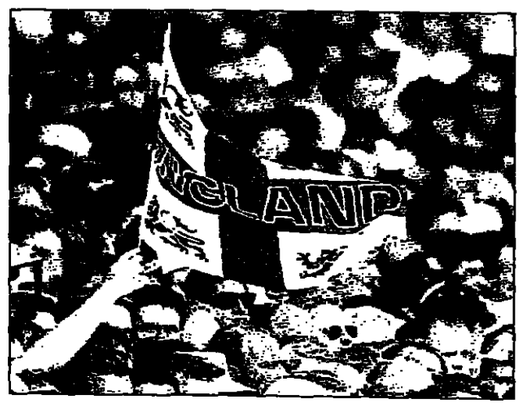
The man two rows farther forward had been drinking since dawn. Slumped in his seat, head in hands, he was muttering incoherently inside the first ten minutes. The rest of us had joined him within the hour.

In our case, it had nothing to do with alcohol, but this was an all-too-familiar story: this was watching England. Germany 88, Sweden 92. The European championship was back to haunt us.

We have beaten only Turkey, Poland and San Marino in meaningful fixtures since that night in Naples six years ago when we danced around the fast-emptying stadium to celebrate a fortuitous victory over Cameroon. After a shaky start for players and supporters, that World Cup was truly an honourable failure. If the group games were uninspired, Platt turned it all around in the last minute against Belgium. Past failures were forgiven, the rest was a bonus, which we were determined to enjoy to the full.

Sweden, two years later, was very different. A formation built around Carlton Palmer and three of the least impressive displays of all time, had us heading home, angry and under no illusions.

Switzerland on Saturday was much like the 1-1 draw with Norway in the first qualifying game for the last World Cup. Loads of fresh optimism, a bright enough start and real hopes that, this time, we would get it right. Of course, we didn't then. The writing was on the wall long before Rotterdam a year later.



Watching England at Wembley is never much fun. Even with the stadium full again, the home advantage lies more in the minds of overawed visitors. The atmosphere is so hard to maintain, it evaporates the moment you pause for breath. The man on the public address system did his best, pleading with us to sing along with the team song before the start: "*All those tears and oh-so-nears ...*"

Something seemed wrong when we found ourselves applauding the Swiss national anthem — the England supporter is not known for such sportsmanship. Perhaps it was misplaced complacency: more likely, the fair-weather fans in our midst.

For the committed follower of the national team, there is nothing like feeling far from home, threatened and outnumbered. There is nothing like adversity to raise the spirits, supporters and players in this together. We sing for 90 minutes and urge them ever onward. Critical reflection comes later. But not on Saturday. There was barely a chant after half-time.

It is a curious thing, but I have never before wished I was Swiss. There they were, though, packed into their small section of the ground, with their flags, their songs and their cowbells. They were having a good time long before they scored.

Something was missing from England on Saturday. This was not the do-or-die of 1990. The players were not chasing every lost cause. They ambled back into position after promising build-ups came to nothing. That hurts. The Swiss played out of their skins and we should have done too. Were we unfit? Or still paying the price for that night in Hong Kong? There really is no excuse.

I cannot put a price on the cost of following the national team — the money saved up, the relationships tested, holidays devoted to the cause — and now? Two years of hope and eager anticipation has been shattered at a stroke. Some people might think it's all over, but I guess I'll give them just one more chance, against the Scots on Saturday.

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EURO 96

THE COMPLETE GUIDE

GROUP A

ENGLAND

There were no players at England's Bisham Abbey training camp yesterday, but their faces in the tunnel after the draw against the Swiss on Saturday told you everything you needed to know about their reaction.
Paul Gascoigne and Steve McManaman were the first to storm past the waiting media with lips sealed and grim expressions. David Seaman and Gary Neville were as polite and courteous as ever, dismayed by the setback, and Paul Ince stopped to speak, too, but Stuart Pearce seemed to be feeling the pain the most.
Somebody plucked up the courage to ask Pearce if he thought he was jinxed when it came to England and penalties. "I missed one penalty six years ago if that's what you mean," the Nottingham Forest defender snarled. "When you play for your country for nine years, occasionally things will go against you. But it is our performance that left a bitter taste, not the penalty decision." OH

SWITZERLAND

No rest for those wicked Swiss, who dared to snatch a draw against England's "Cuckoo Clots" on Saturday. Not long after the last cowbell had been dragged out of Wembley, the buoyant squad was swopping its Hertfordshire headquarters for rooms at The Belfry in Sutton Coldfield. It is nearer Villa Park, where they play Holland on Thursday.
Little time for celebrations, either. Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, decreed more practice yesterday morning, when the players were instructed to trot along to Bodymoor Heath, the Aston Villa training ground, for another get-fit session in the sun.
The Swiss press were also in joyous mood after despatching their English counterparts 3-1 before the main event at Wembley. Apparently, it all went badly wrong for our brave lads after they decided, bewilderingly, to instal a certain Graham Kelly between the sticks. They should have known better, surely? RK

SCOTLAND

At what point does realism turn into disloyalty? The plans of the Scotland defender, Stewart McKimmie, pose the question. It transpires that the Aberdeen player has booked his family holiday in Florida to start on June 22. McKimmie, however, will only be able to fly out that day if his country is eliminated at the group stage.
The manager, Craig Brown, may also have some reservations about his team's prospects. Alex Smith, one of his coaching staff, is due to defend a civil action and, with the setting of a trial date in mind, Brown has written to the court to say there is a "distinct possibility" that the Scotland party will be free to return home after meeting Switzerland on June 18.
Of course, McKimmie and Brown may just be working in concert to delude Holland, this afternoon's opponents, as to Scotland's true resolve. More will surely be known by supper-time. KM

GROUP B

SPAIN

Spare a thought for the Spanish. They only managed their first training session for this championship six days ago and the coach, Javier Clemente, has devised some exquisite torture to put unleaded fuel back into legs drained by a never-ending season.
Ice-filled swimming pools were just the start. Now, it is water therapy (as opposed to England's lager therapy). It involves jets of icy water aimed at delicate tissue, followed by saunas and freezing plunges. On top of that, there is strenuous massage and even acupuncture. It is all finished off by a long soak in a massage pool.
They may not win this tournament, but they must have a chance in the synchronised swimming at the Olympics. It is an unusual preparation, but Clemente believes that it may just give his side an edge. "Sometimes it can become too intense during the build-up," he said. "This has helped my players relax, and we might see the benefits later." DM

BULGARIA

Bulgaria, land of peasant farmers and backward industrialists scratching to make a living in the brave, new capitalist world, right? Wrong, at least if you are a footballer. Their stars are among the highest-paid in Europe, and the Bulgarian football association has had to go some to ensure that they have offered a sufficiently motivating bonus.
It used to be that countries from eastern Europe saw liberty as the best bonus of all when playing in this championship. Not any more. The squad is on a £2.5 million incentive to lift the trophy, and their biggest stars, such as Stoichkov and Letchkov, can expect to pick up a cool half-million if they guide their team-mates to success.
The coach, Dimitar Penev, is happy enough with the efforts of his association, and he believes everything is in place to ensure a new name on the trophy. "We set ourselves several objectives before this tournament, and every one has been reached," he said. DM

ROMANIA

Anghel Iordanescu, the Romania coach and committed Christian, has claimed that the "only way to win Euro 96 is to be offensive". Well, Romania certainly had no compassion for the Durham Schools XI against whom they limbered up at Newcastle's Maiden Castle training ground. Virtually all the 22-man squad had a run out and the A level students did not know whether to attempt tackles or request autographs in a match refereed by George Courtney, the retired Fifa official.
While Courtney is a primary school headmaster in Spennymoor, Hagi, Romania's star player, is a partner with an Arab dentist in a Bucharest surgery but seems likely to remain a sleeping figurehead as he appears certain to swap Barcelona for Japan, the United States or England this summer. No matter, his dental skills might have been required on Friday when the Romanians trained between ducking cricket balls flying over from an adjacent university student match at Maiden Castle. LT

FRANCE

The Blackburn street vendor who took a gamble on a job lot of berets, plastic onions and striped shirts will be suicidal: Christophe Dugarry has decided to turn to Italy instead of Ewood Park. Surprising that, especially given England's performance in their opening game against Switzerland on Saturday.
Dugarry expressed remorse to the English journalists present, but explained that even though Rovers had made him a lucrative offer, there were other considerations in plumping for AC Milan. There are no prizes for guessing that the depressing technical standard of the English game was high on the list.
"At the moment, I believe that England is still quite a way behind the top European countries such as Italy, Spain and France," he said. "I think that I am going to have success in the European competitions if I move to Italy. I was happy with the money, but it is not everything." DM

GROUP C

GERMANY

At times, Euro 96 is less like a football tournament than a flesh market. Even the Germans, who usually handle these things better, are not immune. Andreas Köpke, their Eintracht Frankfurt goalkeeper, who is expected to sign for Stuttgart, planned a press conference on Saturday to announce his future, but cancelled it at the last minute. Even more doubtful were reports yesterday that Jürgen Klinsmann is heading for Chelsea. "After last week's friendly against France, Jürgen said on television that he would remain with Bayern whatever the difficulties, and he is not one to go easily back on his word," a German FA spokesman said.
Germany were pleased to welcome back Mario Basler on Saturday after an operation in Berlin to remove a loose fragment of bone in his ankle had been successful. Yesterday, Basler was walking freely around the camp, and is expected to be fit to face Russia next Sunday. PB

CZECH REPUBLIC

Such is the degree of mobility around Europe in the modern era that it is hard to believe that none of the Czech Republic players, other than Pavel Srnicek, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, had ever seen Old Trafford before their visit on Saturday.
They gazed in wonder and were so highly impressed that the odds on at least one of the squad signing for Manchester United have now been shortened. "They thought it was brilliant," a team spokesman said.
Dusan Uhrin, the Czech coach, kept training light ahead of the game yesterday, with the emphasis on players just running around and having fun. What will make or break the team over the tournament, however, will be its "psychological preparation".
The Czechs' hotel rooms are too small for sharing, so the players sit alone in contemplation of goals, glory and a possible move to England. AR

HOLLAND

Pitches have caused a few diplomatic embarrassments in Euro 96, with several countries having complained that their training facilities were not up to scratch. Germany were miffed by the lack of a suitable surface, not sunbeds, at Macclesfield Town's Moss Rose ground, while Switzerland and Turkey have had their problems, too.
At least Holland's teething problems at Clarence Park, home of St Albans City, have finally been sorted out. Initially, the Dutch were ready to go elsewhere after St Albans refused to blank out their advertising boards, as instructed to by Euro 96 officials. Eventually, the Icis League premier division club relented, covered up, and are now happily playing host to Guus Hiddink's squad.
Hence, work-watcher talking to fellow onlooker: "This must be the best side you've ever had down here?" Hence sad reply: "No, not really. Arsenal have been here quite a few times." RK

ITALY

They are very sympathetic, in the Italy camp, over the attention and criticism levelled at the England team. They also believe that such criticism is a boon. As Roberto Mussi pointed out, just look how far the Italians got after their bashing for a poor start to the 1994 World Cup in the United States.
However, as group C is particularly talented, Italy are trying to play out all their disappointing games before their opening match tomorrow. Hence an explanation for their uninspiring victory over Hungary before arriving in England for the European championship finals and their even less promising 2-0 defeat of Stoke City's under-18s at the Victoria Ground on Saturday evening in a behind-closed-doors match.
The starting line-up for the last match before a competitive fixture is usually indicative of what Arrigo Sacchi has in mind for the big game. Maybe not this time. AR

RUSSIA

After seeing his Spartak Moscow side torn apart by the depredations of Western clubs, it is perhaps hardly surprising that Oleg Romantsev, the Russia coach, is trying to keep his players under wraps for this tournament. After extending Ajax and Juventus before Christmas, Spartak fell away meekly after the winter break. This tournament offers Romantsev the chance to put the record straight, but, he admitted, "it puts extra pressure on us".
The capacity of Russian teams to cope with pressure has been one of their problems in the past. "Teams have sometimes lost the psychological battle," Romantsev said, and with Italy to face in the first match tomorrow, the Russians' psychological preparedness will be vital.
At the team's open day, at Wigan on Friday, the players signed autographs for the local children, but were kept away from the press. Romantsev is trying to avoid them, but will hold a press conference today, at Uefa's insistence. AR

GROUP D

DENMARK

So much for Scandinavians being a race with suicidal tendencies. The Denmark camp is so happy that the beef they brought with them to their base in Yorkshire should be tested.
No potential problem has proved too big a hurdle. MD Foods, the team's sponsor, had been troubled by rumours that it would not be allowed to serve its dairy products at team functions because of a conflict of interests with Carlsberg, a tournament sponsor.
However, MD and Carlsberg have reached a happy compromise, and now the world's media can tuck into as much cheese and biscuits as they like when they meet the team.
Having got off to a poor start in the European championship finals four years ago, when they won the title, Richard Moller Nielsen, the coach, is more than happy to take one game at a time. AR

PORTUGAL

With Portuguese clubs penurious, and so offering easy pickings for the big clubs of Italy, Spain and England, Portugal's game with Denmark last night was one of the main attractions for the scouts so far. Vitor Baia, the captain, has already left FC Porto to rejoin Bobby Robson at Barcelona, and the futures of the Parma defender, Fernando Couto, and Joo Pinto, the little striker, are a constant source of speculation, with Benfica also unlikely to be able to hold on to their star forward.
Liverpool were connected with Pinto last season, but decided, probably rightly, that his fragile skills were unlikely to transfer successfully to the FA Carling Premiership. Manchester United's interest in Couto is harder, but that, too, has yet to be translated into a firm bid.
"It's all speculation," Joseph Wilson, the Portugal press officer, said yesterday. "At the moment all we are concerned with is our next game." PB

TURKEY

When Turkey threw a barbecue at their Belton Woods hotel headquarters, near Grantham, on Saturday, for players, officials and journalists, the response was rather more enthusiastic than they anticipated. About 20 Turkish television crews turned up to film and dine alongside the 18th green of the hotel golf course, which, presumably, did wonders for the putting surface.
Yes, kebabs were on the menu, as well as feta cheese and salad, but the Turks were also treated to the local speciality of Lincolnshire sausage. The chef clearly has a diploma in international relations, too, as he discreetly ignored beef and made the dish with lamb instead.
This evening, designated Turkish Cultural Day in nearby Nottingham, the players will get their first glimpse of the City Ground, where they take on Croatia in their opening group D match tomorrow. It is a closed training session. No cameras, please. RK

CROATIA

Miroslav Blazevic is the oldest coach at the European championship finals. Blazevic, 61, will also be one of the quietest, judging by his display at a press conference in Oakham, Leicestershire, yesterday. Impatiently clutching a cigarette, and clearly desperate for the talk to be finished so that he could light up, he was about as communicative as Duncan Ferguson on a quiet day.
His lack of linguistic skills did not help, but he has at least mastered two coherent responses. "Absolutely", if he agrees with the questioner's observation, or, "Absolutely no", if he does not. Expect liberal helpings of journalistic licence in any stories involving comments from Blazevic over the next few weeks.
Better to chat to Davor Suker, the Real Madrid striker. When asked if he would be joining the Croatian influx to England, he said: "No. They drive on the wrong side of the road. It is too dangerous." RK

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

GROUP A

England 1 Switzerland 1
Shearer (23) Turkyilmaz (83 pen)
(at Wembley, attendance 76,567)

Today
Holland v Scotland (Villa Park, 4.30)

Thur June 13
Switzerland v Holland (Villa Park, 7.30)

Sat June 15
England v Scotland (Wembley, 3.0)

Tues June 18
Scotland v Switzerland (Villa Park, 7.30)

Tues June 18
England v Holland (Wembley, 7.30)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Holland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP B

Spain 1 Bulgaria 1
Munoz (73) Stoichkov (65 pen)
(at Elland Road, attendance 26,006)

Today
***Romania v France** (St James' Park, 7.30)*

Thur June 13
Bulgaria v Romania (St James' Park, 4.30)

Sat June 15
France v Spain (Elland Road, 6.0)

Tues June 18
France v Bulgaria (St James' Park, 4.30)

Tues June 18
Romania v Spain (Elland Road, 4.30)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP C

Germany 2 Czech Republic 0
Ziege (25)
Möller (31)
(at Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Tomorrow
Italy v Russia (Anfield, 4.30)

Fri June 14
Czech Republic v Italy (Anfield, 7.30)

Sun June 16
Russia v Germany (Old Trafford, 3.0)

Wed June 19
Italy v Germany (Old Trafford, 7.30)

Wed June 19
Russia v Czech Republic (Anfield, 7.30)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP D

Not including last night's match
Denmark v Portugal (Hillsborough)

Tomorrow
Turkey v Croatia (City Ground, 7.30)

Fri June 14
Portugal v Turkey (City Ground, 4.30)

Sun June 16
Croatia v Denmark (Hillsborough, 6.0)

Wed June 19
Croatia v Portugal (City Ground, 4.30)

Wed June 19
***Turkey v Denmark** (Hillsborough, 4.30)*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

QUARTER-FINALS

Sat June 22 **Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A** (Anfield, 6.30)
Sun June 23 **Winners Group C v Runners-up Group D** (Old Trafford, 3.0)
Sat June 22 **Runners-up Group B v Winners Group A** (Wembley, 3.0)
Sun June 23 **Runners-up Group C v Winners Group D** (Villa Park, 6.30)

SEMI-FINALS

Wed June 26 **Villa Park winners v Anfield winners** (Old Trafford, 4.0)
Wed June 26 **Wembley winners v Old Trafford winners** (Wembley, 7.30)

FINAL

Sun June 30 **Wembley** (7.0)

PREVIOUS WINNERS
1960 USSR
1964 Spain
1968 Italy
1972 West Germany
1976 Czechoslovakia
1980 West Germany
1984 France
1988 Holland
1992 Denmark

RUNNERS-UP
1960 Yugoslavia
1964 USSR
1968 Yugoslavia
1972 USSR
1976 West Germany
1980 Belgium
1984 Spain
1988 USSR
1992 Germany

Words: Oliver Holt, Kevin McCarra, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Alyson Rudd, David Maddock, Louise Taylor

LATEST BETTING
7-2: Germany
5-1: Italy
11-2: Holland
6-1: France
8-1: England
8-1: Spain
10-1: Portugal
12-1: Croatia

LATEST BETTING
16-1: Russia
25-1: Bulgaria
25-1: Romania
25-1: Denmark
50-1: Switzerland
66-1: Czech Republic
80-1: Scotland
100-1: Turkey

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Old scores to settle as hostilities are resumed

THE THISTLE AND THE ROSE

David Miller begins a three-part series on the rivalry between England and Scotland



Wilshaw scores his fourth and England's seventh goal in their rout of Scotland in 1955. Matthews (inset), the maestro on their wing, had a hand in every England goal

In 1955, Stanley Matthews prepared for England's match against Scotland a little differently from Paul Gascoigne and his pals in their warm-up for Euro 96. He fasted for three days. England won 7-2 and Matthews, a mere 40 at the time, had a hand in all seven goals. Spare me talk of the 29-year-old superstar Gazza.

"It was the end of the league season and I felt I'd become a bit sluggish with Blackpool," Sir Stanley recalls, "so, the previous week, I had nothing to eat for three days, just a little water. On the Monday before the game, I started eating a little — some salads, carrot juice. By Saturday, I felt tremendous. If the ball had gone over the stand, I'd have followed it."

Harry Haddock, the Scotland left back and captain of Clyde, vainly attempted to follow the maestro and received the worst drubbing of his career. So supreme was Matthews that, to this day, Haddock remembers the occasion with reverence, indeed gratitude. His humiliation made him briefly famous. "It's a memory I treasure," Haddock would recall 30 years later. "Stan did things that day that people nowadays would not believe possible."

The story of the oldest of all international fixtures, begun in 1872, is peppered with spectacular victories for both sides in a sporting rivalry that is underscored by political history. There is no exaggeration in the assertion by many Scots this week that they would accept failure to qualify for the quarter-finals of the championship provided that they can beat England at Wembley on Saturday. The passions of Burns and Bruce are imperishable.

Undoubtedly, the worst moment in Scottish football was the afternoon that England won the World Cup, a trophy that, by implication, the Scots claimed when they won 3-2 at Wembley the next April against a team with ten of the heroes of 1966. Greaves having returned in place of Hunt.

The rivalry is mutual. A few years after that Scottish triumph, the England team stepped off the plane at Glasgow for the biennial ritual at Hampden. "Welcome to Scotland, Sir Alf," a jocular Scottish journalist quipped. "You must be bloody joking," Ramsey replied, deadpan. He had played four times at right back against Scotland, including England's 3-2 defeat at Wembley in 1951, with a forward line of Matthews, Mannion, Mortensen, Hassall and Finney.

Scotland have had other memorable moments besides 1967. The glorious Scotland team of the 1920s won 5-1 at Wembley in 1928, they had three consecutive victories from 1962 to 1964 and their hordes invaded the pitch, removing turf souvenirs, after the 2-1 victory of 1977, a reverse that precipitated Don Revie's defection to Arabia.

The next year, the clash at Hampden immediately preceded Scotland's departure for Argentina, under their manager, Ally MacLeod, for the World Cup. All of Scotland had come to believe that they were about to win the World Cup and I earned derision by confidently forecasting an England victory, for which I was "invited", as visiting freak, to explain myself on Scottish television. That afternoon, Steve Coppell scored the only goal and "Ally's Army" soon disintegrated against Peru and Iran.

My most memorable match would be the execution of 1955 by Matthews. There was the view, throughout his 33-year career, that his dribbling delayed England's play. The selection committee of the Football Association — as confused a body then as now — regularly dropped him in this belief, and would then be obliged to recall him.

There was a newspaper strike in London at the time, so the only report was in the *Manchester Guardian*. "Holds the game up, does he?" Donnie Davies, the *Guardian*'s former international, asked. "Just ask Haddock or Cunningham. They needed someone to hold them up before the end. Matthews was so fast, his own colleagues [Revie, Lofthouse, Wilshaw and Blunstone, the Chelsea flyer] often couldn't keep up with him." Lofthouse, who scored two of his 30 goals for England, recalled: "Stan set up all our goals. The talk always comes back to him, doesn't it? The opposition spends all week discussing how to stop him and then on the day can do nothing."

Sir Stanley, who took part in the opening ceremony at Wembley on Saturday, remembers it well. "I knew that Harry Haddock was particularly fast, but, on the day, I was fitter than him," he said. "I remember that I pushed the ball past him early on and from that moment I knew I was quicker. I think this destroyed his confidence."

Haddock recalled that Scottish officials had advised him that he should "have a go at him, he's got no left foot". He quickly discovered this to be far from the truth. "The first time Stan got the ball, he cut inside me and shivered the crossbar with his left. Don't let anyone tell you his game was incomplete. Playing against him was strange. You'd go into him and find he was gone. You could see what he was going to do and there was nothing you could do to stop it.

"The extraordinary thing was that once he'd gone past you, he had forgotten about you. His mind was on the next objective. It was marvellous to discover his brilliance, but find he was just like any other fellow. I went to shake hands afterwards and Stan merely said: 'I think the ball was running for me today'."

He had helped to lay on four goals for Wilshaw, and this against a full back who had subdued Hungary's exceptional winger, Sandor, and would be a member of Scotland's World Cup squad in Sweden three years later. There have been few individual performances to match it.

The meeting of England and Scotland on Saturday will be their 108th since their first encounter, a 0-0 draw in Glasgow in 1872. England hold the advantage, having won 43 times to Scotland's 40. There have been 24 draws. The teams have met 28 times at Wembley, the last time in 1988, when England's 1-0 victory gave them their fourteenth win. Scotland have won nine matches at Wembley and five of their meetings there have finished as draws.

TOMORROW

Kevin McCarra recalls a famous Scottish victory at Wembley

RUGBY UNION: TV DEAL THREATENS FIVE NATIONS' FUTURE

England resolve to reach for Sky

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) will today announce details of a five-year agreement with BSkyB, the satellite television company, which could spell the end of the five nations' championship in its present form. The jewel in the northern-hemisphere crown, it appears, is for sale.

Having reached agreement in principle with its leading clubs, the RFU feels confirmed in its decision to negotiate broadcasting rights separately from its home-union partners. Ireland, Scotland and Wales threaten to be equally intransigent when it comes to continuing century-old fixtures.

The new agreement, said to be worth about £87 million, is due to come into effect next April and the RFU hopes that the other home unions will reflect during the intervening period on how much may be lost in breaking off international playing relationships. It is, however, far more likely that a long-range exchange of insults will take place, designed to emphasise England as the offending party.

All parties must acknowledge, however, that the ground rules for rugby union changed fundamentally when the game went open last August. Just as leading clubs discovered a financial imperative that did not previously exist, so governing bodies now find that gentlemen's agreements will not do any more.

At a meeting last week, BSkyB (which is 40 per cent-owned by News International, owners of *The Times*) threatened to withdraw its offer unless the RFU agreed to the money on the table. The imponderable must be whether England can offer a viable international programme if cast out of the five nations'.

Television's primary concern is the senior game and the fact that News Corporation effectively bankrolls the southern-hemisphere powers may contribute towards the establishment of a "Super Five" competition involving England, France, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Yet the RFU may have to restructure, at considerable expense, its entire age-group representative programme. England play Ireland at A and under-21 levels and all three home unions at colts and 18-group schools levels.

"I believe that the home unions are bound to play one another next season, under the terms of the existing BBC contract," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. "Certainly, there would be no question of us not playing. I would have thought anyone trying to change would be in breach of contract."

The problem for the other home unions is, if Sky is committed to England, will terrestrial channels offer them the money they need for a competition that does not involve England? At the same time, the RFU must be wary of alienating its own supporters, whose love affair with the five nations' championship has endured so long.

Wales must find new challenge to tackle

Australia	56
Wales	25

BY DAVID HANDS

"THE system that Wales is part of is not challenging the players' ability," Terry Cobner said in Brisbane on Saturday after watching Wales's hopes of respectability in the two-match series with Australia fade into the night.

Cobner, the Wales manager and his union's director of rugby, may have been talking of domestic club rugby, but the quality of international rugby in the northern hemisphere is also in question. Victory over France in Cardiff last March seemed an age ago as Wales conceded seven tries to a revamped Australia.

The side, led for the first time by John Eales, showed all the positive qualities that have been so apparent in the recent Super 12 tournament. Their first try, by Joe Roff, came after only 54 seconds: they were comfortable with the ball in hand and played with a fierce intensity.

Wales were well-disciplined and their fitness kept them in the hunt for loose possession, but their first-time tackling was that of boys against men. Only when the game was won, at 42-6 in the third quarter, did Australia's concentration waver.

Wales's mistakes were punished relentlessly and, if Australia had not been twice recalled for infringements, they would have passed the 63 points that they scored against Wales, also at Ballymore, five years ago.

Burke, whose kicking has benefited from the coaching of David Alred, kept up the strike rate of 80 per cent that he achieved in the Super 12. Nine successful goals from 11 attempts gave him 21 points, although Jenkins, too, showed that he operates at the highest level — four goals from five taking his aggregate in internationals to 440.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Roff, Caputo, Wilson, Manu, Howard, Murdoch, Morgan. Conversions: Burke (6). Penalty goals: Burke (3). Wales: Tries: Proctor, Taylor, Llewellyn. Conversions: Jenkins (2). Penalty goals: Jenkins (2).
AUSTRALIA: M C Burke (NSW), A R Murdoch (NSW), J Roff (ACT), T J Horan (Queensland), D I Campese (NSW); P W Howard (ACT), G M Gregan (ACT); R Harry (NSW), M Caputo (ACT), E J A McKenzie (ACT), O Finegan (ACT), G J Morgan (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland, captain), D J Wilson (Queensland), D Manu (NSW). Manu replaced by M C Brial (NSW, 59min).
WALES: W T Proctor (Llanelli); I C Evans (Llanelli), L B Davies (Neath), N G Davies (Llanelli), G Thomas (Pontypridd), N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Howley (Bridgend), C D Loader (Swansea), J M Humphreys (Cardiff, captain), J D Davies (Neath); H T Taylor (Cardiff), G O Llewellyn (Harlequins), D Jones (Cardiff), R G Jones (Llanelli), S Williams (Neath), J Davies replaced by L Mustoe (Cardiff, 61), M J Voyle (Newport) temporary replacement for R G Jones (11-21) and for D Jones (44-47)
Referee: G Wahlstrom (New Zealand)

Scotland fail to build on promising start

Southland	21
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FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN INVERCARGILL

ALL Scotland's bullish talk about the quality of the performance mattering more than the result, as had been the case against Waikato, was forgotten in Invercargill yesterday. The tourists carved out an invaluable victory over Southland, one which, in the absence of the injured Townsend, owed more to honest endeavour than inspiration.

With the first international only a week away against the same All Black XV that brushed aside Western Samoa on Friday, it was imperative that Scotland won. Worringly for their prospects against New Zealand in Dunedin, the Scots again drifted in and out of a match that should have been secured long before their superior fitness took them clear in the final quarter.

Rob Wainwright conceded that too many flaws and basic errors still bedevil their game. "I've never been a great believer in wins at the expense of performance, but we really did need a win today. The boys started off slowly, but, in the second half, finally got a measure of control. We did go off the boil, but we can and will pick up our game a lot before we meet the All Blacks."

Scotland looked set for a comfortable victory as they established a 10-0 advantage by the fourteenth minute, a Wainwright try being converted by Shepherd, who also kicked a penalty goal. Then a soft try was conceded and panic set in.

They turned 14-13 in arrears, but Shepherd restored their lead with a 58th-minute penalty. Two attempts at a pushover were repulsed with embarrassing ease before Wainwright stepped in to spare the forwards' blushes. Logan, the one player to run straight and with purpose, scored his third try of the tour and McKenzie then went over after a lineout.

SCORERS: Southland: Tries: Byars Wilson, penalty try. Conversions: Culhane (3), Scotland XV: Tries: Wainwright, Logan, McKenzie Conversions: Shepherd (2) Penalty goals: Shepherd (4)
SOUTHLAND: E Crossland; P Dynes, J Hoka, M Seymour, H Byars; S Culhane, B McCormack; R Borland, D Heap;, S Hayes, S Harvey, R Newell, M Wilson, J Winders, P Henderson
SCOTLAND XV: R Shepherd (Melrose); C Joiner (Leicester), S Hastings (Watsonians), R Eriksson (London Scottish), K Logan (Stirling County), C Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Newcastle), D Hilton (Bath), K McKenzie (Stirling County), B Stewart (Edinburgh Academicals), R Wainwright (Watsonians), G Weir (Newcastle), S Campbell (Dundee High School FP), N Broughton (Melrose), B Renwick (Hawick)
Referee: S Walsh (Wellington).

ROWING

Haining is heading for Atlanta

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

FOUR more British boats qualified for the Olympic Games in Atlanta this weekend, including Peter Haining, the world lightweight sculls champion, who qualified as a heavyweight.

In the six-boat final in Lucerne yesterday, Haining, 34, had to finish in the top three. At 700 metres, he was leading, but even though two heavier and younger men — Bekker, of Norway, and Cameron, of Australia — came through in the second half, Haining could still ease up before the line and achieve third place.

An Olympic medal would seem to be beyond him, but final places, even medals, could come for the men's lightweight double and the women's eight. The double of Nick Strange and Andy Sinton produced a scintillating first 1,000 metres yesterday to lead Italy, who are tipped to do well in Atlanta. The Italians crept past by 1,500 metres, but Britain were still overlapping on the line and were, remarkably, 4sec faster than the winning heavyweight double.

The British women's eight produced a performance on Saturday that seemed to give vent to the year of frustration since failing to ensure direct Olympic qualification in Finland last summer. They blasted off the start and continued to blast, finishing with clear water over the other qualifier, Australia. They also beat the Rotsee record, set by the Americans last weekend, by more than 3sec and were only 1.5sec outside the world record set by Romania.

The success of Bill Mason, the coach, in instilling squad morale was earlier demonstrated when Phillipa Cross and Kate Mackenzie achieved a second place in the coxless pairs and also booked Olympic selection, but the British team's elation was muted by the failure of Alison Brownless and Jane Hall to qualify in the women's lightweight double by just 1.3sec.

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BOXING

Hamed reveals chinks in his defensive armoury

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NASEEM HAMED had two new experiences on Saturday at the Newcastle Arena: he got hit and had to pick himself up off the floor. They were the two best things that have happened to him.

They should have a salutary effect, as they do on all good world champions. Now the Sheffield showman, who had beaten all of his previous 21 opponents without getting hit, knows that a boxing match cannot be one-sided all the time and sometimes it pays to keep your hands up and your chin down.

Yet all credit to Hamed for getting out of an awkward situation during the defence of his World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship against Daniel Alicea. While many a boxer might have had a couple of cautious rounds after getting a fright in the first round, sensibly Hamed did not give Alicea time to gain confidence from his success. He shrugged off the embarrassment of finding himself on the floor against a little-known Puerto Rican, took his standing count of eight, gathered himself and disposed of the upstart with two well-placed left hands in the second round.

It was good to see that the three straight rights that sent Hamed to the floor had had a sobering effect on the normally brash young man by the time he turned up for the post-fight press conference. Refreshingly, he did not make the usual excuses. He said he had paid for getting too complacent and took his momentary humiliation in the ring in good part.

"I got caught and tested the floor out for him," Hamed said. "I never thought I'd get put down, but I'm only human. The first two I took were better than the knockdown [blow]. The knockdown was one I did not see.

"If I get hit, all the better, let's fight. You wipe your lips and carry on and that's what I did. All I had to do was let my shots go. If I hit any fighter in my weight, I will take him out. That's why I'll never lose. If any of them think they're going to come out and push that button and think 'I'm going to go down and not get back up, it's not me. If I get hit, I come back even stronger."

While acknowledging that Hamed can punch, some experts now believe Hamed's lack of defensive skills could be his undoing. If Hamed is allowed to shape into his punches, he carries enough power to dispose of any featherweight in the world, but, from this performance it seems that he could find himself in serious trouble when forced to stand and trade.

Eddie Futch, the trainer of Wayne McCullough, the World Boxing Council bantamweight champion from Northern Ireland, explained: "As I have said before, if you are right in his [Hamed's] face, as this guy Alicea was, inside his hitting zone and you don't give him room to use his long punches, he doesn't know what to do. All he does to get out of the way is lean back. Ali could get away with that sort of thing because he was a big guy. This is a small guy and now we know about his chin as well. If a non-puncher like Alicea, who is just an eight-round fighter, can put him down . . . "

Hamed is expected back in the ring in July, perhaps on the Mike Tyson v Bruce Seldon bill in Las Vegas, and then could meet Azumah Nelson in September. Frank Warren, the promoter, has also had offers from South Africa to box Vuyani Bungu, the International Boxing Federation super-bantamweight champion.

☐ Oscar de la Hoya made a strong claim to be recognised as the world's best pound-for-pound boxer when he overcame the great Julio Cesar Chavez, of Mexico, in Las Vegas on Saturday, winning the World Boxing Council light-welterweight championship. De La Hoya, at 23 ten years younger than his opponent, opened a cut over Chavez's left eye in the first round and never relinquished control, the contest eventually being stopped 2min 37sec into the fourth round. It was Chavez's second defeat in 100 professional contests.



Naseem Hamed, right, suffers the rare experience of being put on the canvas by the challenger, Alicea

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CRICKET

England cheered by happy ending to brief encounter

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (fourth day of five): England beat India by eight wickets

ENGLAND have suffered so much distress around the cricketing world that victory must never be lightly dismissed. Michael Atherton was sipping champagne before lunchtime yesterday, and rightly so, for, in the eventually emphatic defeat of India, there was much to celebrate. It is a pity, then, that there has to be a "but".

The caveats to praise of England's performance in this first Cornhill Test are that victory was achieved against shallow opposition, on a substandard pitch and with the incalculable help of three contentious umpiring decisions. Things will not always fall so happily for Atherton's team, so it is as well that it seems to have acquired the tenacity to cope in adversity.

As the captain was swift to stress later, the margin of victory disguised the volatile nature of the game. "There were periods when it was in the balance," Atherton said. "We were made to work hard for it and we showed a bit of character in the tough times."

When asked to describe the fickle surface, which once again short-changed Edgbaston's weekend spectators, Atherton grinned. "I got my knuckles rapped for speaking out here last year, so I had better keep my thoughts to myself. Let's just say it was interesting." There were plenty of batsmen, having had their knuckles rapped physically rather than figuratively, and plenty of disgruntled ticket-holders, who were willing to select a somewhat stronger word for it.

Nasser Hussain, the man of the match for his decisive century on Friday, described it as "a funny pitch with uneven bounce". He added: "If the bowlers put it in the right place, it was a constant struggle." And this, from one of only two men in the game, the other being a genius named Sachin Tendulkar, who managed to make batting look relatively comfortable.

Warwickshire officials defend the quality of their square with the huffiness of the paranoid, but even they must concede that staging two consecutive Test matches of embarrassing brevity is more than an unfortunate coincidence. Whereas the game last year was over by Saturday lunchtime, this one hobbled into its fourth day only because England saw no rush to finish it on the third.

It is small wonder that so few people had purchased advance tickets for yesterday and the concession of the Test and County Cricket Board that they can all have a 50 per cent discount on the corresponding Sunday here next June is unlikely to be greeted as a great bargain. The main reasons why the angry crowd scenes of last year were not repeated are that few people had bothered to come and that, this time, England won.

In their present form, India can offer no more than the best batsman in the world and an incisive pair of new-ball bowlers. Between them, this valiant trio sustained an uneven fight against an England side that was collectively far superior.

The selectors must be applauded for the renaissance of Hussain and Chris Lewis, and for the quietly encouraging blooding of Ronnie Irani and Alan Mullally. They also deserve credit for picking men who can field, for this was the most striking area of improvement in England's game.

England unquestionably had the better of the umpiring. Darrell Hair, the Australian, had an unhappy game and while he could not be blamed for adjudicating on Rathore's dismissal on Saturday morning — only Hick knows if the ball did not carry to him at slip — his reprieve of Hussain, from an apparent leg-side glove to the wicketkeeper on Friday, and of Atherton, palpably leg-before on Saturday evening, were harder to explain away.

The Indians, being a gentlemanly side, offer none of this by way of excuse. "Everyone saw what happened so I don't need to say any more," Mohammed Azharuddin, their captain, shrugged, "but I do think the third umpire could be used for help on catches when there is any doubt."

Azharuddin was properly critical of his team's batting. "I was not happy with it. We lost the advantage of the toss on the first day." He presumably included himself in this, for he was out to two poor strokes, on Saturday being bowled behind his legs by Mullally, a serious misjudgement for a player of such quality.

Tendulkar was majestic to behold. His was one of the great centuries, for it was made out of the rabble of an innings and in testing conditions. England would gladly buy his wicket for 50 every time he walks to the middle in this series, for they will now be confident that those around him will come more quietly.

Atherton found himself before the match referee, Cammie Smith, for intervening unnecessarily after Tendulkar had gestured that a ball from Lewis brushed his shirtsleeve rather than his glove. No action was taken, nor any merited.

Appropriately, Atherton saw his side through to victory yesterday with an unbeaten 53, losing only Hussain as the final 48 were scored in 65 minutes. Raymond Illingworth was not present to see it, but it looks increasingly likely that he will remain as chairman of selectors through the summer.

His disciplinary hearing, provisionally set for Wednesday, has been indefinitely delayed after his solicitor, Alan Herd, asked for more time to mount the defence. It may not be staged until the series against India is over, by which time a victory ought to be secure and even the hawks may pull back from the desire to hasten his retirement.



Hussain: decisive century

IAN STEWART



Atherton takes evasive action from a Srinath bouncer during his unbeaten 53

Hussain shows wisdom of backing class

JOHN WOODCOCK



Test Match Commentary

It was probably just as well that England were not playing West Indies in the first Test match at Edgbaston. Well as Srinath and Prasad bowled, confronting Ambrose and Walsh on so awkward a pitch would have been painful and hazardous enough to have prevented Michael Atherton and his side from taking, as they did, the first detectable steps along the road to recovery.

If it could be argued in the past, when draws at Edgbaston were commonplace, that the pitch there was too docile, the opposite is now the case. That so little still got past Sachin Tendulkar's bat was the measure of his masterly innings. In gratitude for taking the match beyond the third afternoon, Warwickshire should have offered him instant life membership.

They might have thought of doing the same for Nasser Hussain, a cricketer with oriental blood but a method cultivated in England. Apart from him and Tendulkar, only Atherton among those playing in the match purely as batsmen reached 30. Credit for Hussain's rehabilitation belongs to the selectors as well as to the player himself: they saw in him not frailty but substance.

Not the least of the reasons for rejoicing at Hussain's success is the way he stands at the wicket. There is no jumping around or holding the bat on high as though he is about to toss the caber. He stands still, his weight nicely balanced, like a natural player rather than a manufactured one. It is sometimes said that cricket is not a natural game; to my mind, that is refuted by many of the best players.

Brian Lara, Tendulkar, Mohammed Azharuddin, Mark Waugh and Ricky Ponting are examples from the cricketers of today who stand and play to the manner born. They could have come into the world with a bat in their hands, they play so instinctively. Hussain used to be one of those and if he has become a little more studied now and a little less spontaneous, that has happened in his search for consistency. As a fielder, he is among the best we have, which is an enormous asset, and, at 28, his prime years are yet to come.

With a relatively calm year in prospect for England before they face Australia here next summer and go to the West Indies after that, it is crucial that the selectors give the right batsmen the chance to become established. There have been too many instances in the past of players scoring runs against weaker opposition, only to be found out when the acid test comes along.

England's new coach, David Lloyd, will know about that. By making 214 not out against India at Edgbaston in 1974, he played himself into that winter's tour of Australia, where, to his misfortune, he ran into Lillee and Thomson on the rampage and, in first-class innings, had a top score of 80. Much the same had happened to Stan Worthington, another Lancastrian who went on, like Lloyd, to become the coach at Old Trafford. Worthington's 87 and 128 against India in the last two Tests of 1936 got him to Australia for the 1936-37 tour ahead of players who would have been better suited to the rough and tumble of Sydney and Melbourne. In 25 first-class innings in Australia, Worthington's top score was 89.

So it is very important at the moment to go for class as well as survivability and to make fielding the tie-breaking factor. Having overcome the tendency to play to the offside with a bat so open-faced that slips and gullies were always blowing on their hands when he was batting, Hussain should do us well.

Yet what of Nick Knight, whose fielding is greatly in his favour and who has the added advantage of being left-handed, something that, over the years, England selection committees have been slow to take into account?

All who know him say that Knight is suitably ambitious and a fast learner, and his temperament is well regarded. A more possible problem is his height, not against the spinners but in keeping out of trouble against the fast, short stuff. Generally speaking, the best players of modern fast bowling have been short of stature, those who feel most comfortable on the back foot and provide a nimbler, more elusive target when the bouncers fly.

Hick's height has counted against him when facing West Indies, whereas Lamb, Boon, Border and Gavaskar, all small men, and Robin Smith, who is of medium height, have all made runs against them. At almost 6ft 5in, Tony Greig scored a memorable hundred against Lillee and Thomson at Brisbane in 1974-75, but, in more ways than one, he was a law unto himself.

Against Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis later this summer, more than against Srinath and Prasad, Knight must show that he, too, is an exception to the rule.

COMPLETE SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

India won toss

INDIA: First Innings

V Rathore c Knight b Cork (66min, 52 balls, 1 four)	20
A D Jadeja c Atherton b Lewis (17min, 9 balls)	0
S V Manjrekar c Atherton b Lewis (68min, 47 balls, 4 fours)	23
S R Tendulkar b Cork (70min, 41 balls, 4 fours)	24
*M Azharuddin c Knight b Irani (30min, 27 balls, 3 fours)	13
†N R Mongia b Mullally (48min, 39 balls, 4 fours)	20
S B Joshi c Thorpe b Mullally (93min, 64 balls, 1 four)	12
A Kumble c Knight b Cork (13min, 8 balls, 1 four)	5
J Srinath c Russell b Mullally (92min, 65 balls, 9 fours)	52
P L Mhambrey c Thorpe b Cork (81min, 49 balls, 4 fours)	28
B K V Prasad not out (25min, 18 balls)	0
Extras (b 3, lb 10, nb 4)	17
Total (89.1 overs, 303min)	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 (Rathore 7), 2-41 (Tendulkar 0), 3-84 (Tendulkar 8), 4-93 (Mongia 12), 5-103 (Joshi 2), 6-118 (Joshi 2), 7-127 (Joshi 6), 8-150 (Srinath 17), 9-203 (Mhambrey 17)

Manjrekar (10th) retired hurt at 40-1 (Rathore 20) and resumed at 103-5

BOWLING: Lewis 18-2-44-2 (5 spells; 5-1-10-1, 4-0-10-0, 5-1-17-1, 1-0-1-0, 3-0-8-0), Cork 20.1-5-61-4 (nb 2; 10 spells; 4-1-8-0, 5-1-15-1, 4-2-11-1, 5-1-11-1, 2-0-18-0, 0.1-0-0-1), Mullally 22-7-60-3 (nb 1; 9 spells; 6-1-19-0, 7-3-21-1, 9-3-20-2), Irani 7-4-22-1 (4 spells; 3-2-10-1, 4-2-12-0), Patel 2-0-14-0 (3 spells; one spell)

SCORING NOTES (first day): Lunch: 80-3 (27 overs, 120min, Tendulkar 20, Mongia 4). Tea: 182-8 (55 overs, 243min, Srinath 28, Mhambrey 1)

ENGLAND: First Innings

N V Knight c Mongia b Srinath (79min, 48 balls, 4 fours)	27
*M A Atherton c Rathore b Mhambrey (123min, 98 balls, 5 fours)	33
N Hussain c sub (R Dravid) b Srinath (309min, 227 balls, 1 six, 18 fours)	128
G P Thorpe b Srinath (45min, 30 balls, 1 six, 2 fours)	21
G A Hick c Mhambrey b Prasad (41min, 29 balls, 2 fours)	8
R C Irani c Mongia b Srinath (41min, 34 balls, 7 fours)	34
†R C Russell b Prasad (23min, 14 balls)	0
C C Lewis c Rathore b Prasad (1min, 1 ball)	0
D G Cork c Jadeja b Prasad (8min, 9 balls)	4
M M Patel lbw b Kumble (52min, 55 balls, 2 fours)	18
A D Mullally not out (47min, 25 balls, 3 fours)	14
Extras (b 16, lb 5, nb 7)	26
Total (90.2 overs, 389min)	313

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60 (Atherton 31), 2-72 (Hussain 3), 3-109 (Hussain 15), 4-149 (Hussain 43), 5-195 (Hussain 51), 6-205 (Hussain 58), 7-205 (Hussain 58), 8-215 (Hussain 64), 9-264 (Hussain 93)

BOWLING: Srinath 28.2-5-103-4 (nb 5; 2 spells; 12 fours, 4-0-17-0, 13-3-30-2, 4-0-22-1, 3-1-13-0, 3-0-21-0, 1.2-1-0-1), Prasad 28-9-71-4 (11 fours; 7-2-7-0, 4-3-1-0, 6-2-22-1, 9-2-25-3, 3-0-16-0), Kumble 24-4-77-1 (12 fours, 4-0-21-0, 14-4-41-0, 6-0-15-1), Mhambrey 10-0-43-1 (nb 3, 8 fours; 2-0-6-0, 7-0-37-1, 1-0-6-0)

SCORING NOTES (second day): Lunch: 114-3 (40 overs, 181min; Hussain 19, Hick 0). Tea: 229-8 (69 overs, 301min, Hussain 76, Patel 2; second new ball taken at 5-14pm. England 302 for 9 (87 overs)

INDIA: Second Innings

V Rathore c Hick b Cork (21min, 11 balls, 1 four)	7
A D Jadeja c Russell b Lewis (38min, 27 balls, 1 four)	6
†N R Mongia c Hussain b Cork (49min, 36 balls, 1 four)	9
S R Tendulkar c Thorpe b Lewis (262min, 176 balls, 1 six, 19 fours)	122
*M Azharuddin b Mullally (5min, 3 balls)	0
S B Joshi c Russell b Mullally (20min, 15 balls, 1 four)	12
S V Manjrekar c Knight b Lewis (98min, 64 balls, 2 fours)	18
A Kumble run out (Knight/Hick) (70min, 54 balls, 2 fours)	15
J Srinath lbw b Lewis (18min, 14 balls)	1
P L Mhambrey b Lewis (29min, 20 balls, 3 fours)	15
B K V Prasad not out (16min, 6 balls)	0
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 1)	14
Total (70.4 overs, 318min)	219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15 (Jadeja 6), 2-17 (Mongia 2), 3-35 (Tendulkar 11), 4-36 (Tendulkar 12), 5-68 (Tendulkar 32), 6-127 (Tendulkar 71), 7-185 (Tendulkar 104), 8-193 (Tendulkar 111), 9-208 (Mhambrey 4)

BOWLING: Lewis 22.4-6-72-5 (12 fours; 8-3-19-1, 2-1-5-0, 5-0-22-1, 7.4-2-26-3), Cork 19.5-4-40-2 (4 fours, 9-4-19-2, 5-1-7-0, 3-0-8-0, 2-0-6-0), Mullally 15.4-4-43-2 (nb 1; 7 fours, 11-2-41-2, 4-2-2-0), Irani 2-0-21-0 (5 fours, one spell), Patel 8-3-18-0 (1 six, 1 four; 3-1-6-0, 3-1-7-0, 2-1-5-0); Hick 4-1-12-0 (one spell)

SCORING NOTES (third day): Lunch: 89-5 (29 overs, 133min, Tendulkar 50, Manjrekar 2). Tea: 170-6 (56 overs, 254min: Tendulkar 101, Kumble 4)

ENGLAND: Second Innings

N V Knight lbw b Prasad (40min, 29 balls, 1 four)	14
*M A Atherton not out (154min, 100 balls, 3 fours)	53
N Hussain c Srinath b Prasad (53min, 44 balls, 2 fours)	19
G P Thorpe not out (59min, 36 balls, 2 fours)	17
Extras (b 8, lb 7, w 1, nb 2)	18
Total (2 wkts, 33.5 overs, 154min)	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37 (Atherton 12), 2-77 (Atherton 32).

BOWLING: Srinath 14.5-3-47-0 (nb 5, w 1, 4 fours, 6-2-14-0, 8.5-1-33-0), Prasad 14-0-50-2 (4 fours, 8-0-35-1, 6-0-15-1); Kumble 5-3-9-0 (one spell).

England won by eight wickets at 12.05pm on fourth day

Match award: N Hussain (adjudicator: A R Lewis)

Umpires: D B Hair (Australia) and D R Shepherd. Third umpire: A A Jones

Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies)

TESTS TO COME: Second (Lord's), June 20 to 24. Third (Trent Bridge) July 3 to 9

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Tendulkar celebrates his ninth Test hundred

Tendulkar confirms his destructive potential

Michael Henderson *considers the threat to* England from India's captain-in-waiting

England should not get too carried away by winning this Test, pleasing though their overall performance was. The best batting and bowling in the match was done by Indians and had Darrell Hair given two Englishmen out, one in each innings, as he surely should have done, the result might easily have been reversed. India have every reason to feel short-changed.

Srinath bowled superbly on the second morning and Tendulkar batted like a prince on Saturday to make his ninth Test hundred. It was a glorious innings and his opponents made themselves look small-minded by failing to acknowledge it properly. What is up with these people? Michael Atherton enjoyed his best game as captain, but David Lloyd should tell him that when somebody plays as well against England as Tendulkar did here, applause should be forthcoming.

India really are in the wars at the moment. Sidhu has taken his bat and ball home, Manjrekar and Joshi ended this Test as invalids, Kumble is struggling to deceive people with his wrist spin and, as if the problems surrounding his team were not pressing enough, Azharuddin managed only 13 runs in the match.

Thank goodness for Tendulkar, who lifted the game on to a different level when he came to the crease. "There is very little to choose between his hundreds," Azharuddin said later, when asked to grade his star batsman's big innings. For sheer pleasure, this one rivalled the superb hundred that Azharuddin himself made in expiation for putting England in at Lord's six years ago.

On that occasion, when Gooch made 456 runs in the match, everybody filled their boots, so true was the pitch. This one lied to the batsmen in almost every over and the fact that a Test match ended before lunch on the fourth day leaves Warwickshire with more embarrassing questions to answer. For Dennis Amiss, the club's chief executive, to say the pitch had consistent bounce when everybody could see that no two balls behaved alike was not even a convincing half-truth.

In the context of the match, therefore, and on such a nasty pitch, Tendulkar's effort was not merely commendable, or entertaining. It was the work of a master batsman and, at 23 and a bit, there is plenty of excellent cricket left in him.

Azharuddin's century in 1990, one of the finest in England in recent years, contained all manner of wristy strokes to leg, sometimes taken from outside off stump. Tendulkar is a different animal. He drives powerfully through the off and is quick to pull anything short of a length, as better bowlers than Irani have found out. He was a promising batsman when he came to England as a teenager six years ago, then he became accomplished and now he is approaching greatness.

Tendulkar's career has already brought him success, fame and wealth. As Azharuddin stumbles on, out of sorts and plainly distracted, Tendulkar will soon have the captaincy thrust upon him and there is nothing to suggest that he is unfit for the job.

Azharuddin maintains that there is nothing wrong with the morale of his side and that the batsmen let their bowlers down badly here. True, but it all feels like the end of an empire. Azharuddin has served Indian cricket well, but when the players slip home in June, it might be time to sit down and talk of the death of kings.

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CRICKET

Yorkshire bowlers make good use of home advantage

BY SIMON WILDE

HEADINGLEY (Surrey won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Surrey by eight wickets

THESE are difficult times for the Yorkshire cricket-watching public. Among the most respected of all cricket audiences, they are deferentially referred to by observers as the "knowledgeable Yorkshire crowd". If they do not know what is going on, the argument goes, then nobody does, even if some of the inhabitants of Headingley's West Terrace have behaved as though they do not know what day of the week it is.

But even a Yorkshireman does not find it easy to understand what is "going off" — in the phrase of one of the county's finest, Fred Trueman — when it comes to their team's relationship with the Headingley ground.

Headingley is the club's headquarters and yet the AXA Equity & Law League match yesterday was only the third the first team had played there this season — which is 58 days old — and their first in the league. As Yorkshire had previously lost three of their five matches, they had already all but surrendered hopes of winning the title.

Although Yorkshire won, the pitch ruined the match as a spectacle, not for the first time on this famous turf. It was variable in pace and bounce and different in character at each end and Surrey's strokemakers found themselves out of sorts on it. Quickly finding themselves 30 for four, the visitors subsided to 90 all out, which, even accounting for the absence of key players, was wholly inadequate.

The honeymoon days that followed David Gilbert's arrival as coach already seem a distant memory and Surrey may look back on their three meetings with Yorkshire as the time everything started to go wrong.

This was a hollow victory for Yorkshire. They bowled well, letting the pitch do the work, fielded sharply and generally looked well-organised, which they are. Hartley did his benefit collection no harm by taking an outstanding catch and two wickets for only nine runs.

In response, Yorkshire at first edged cautiously towards their target, with Moxon trying out his damaged hand with a view to playing in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final on Tuesday. It was only when Vaughan and Bevan came together in the day's only partnership worthy of the name that spectators saw anything to rouse them. This pair thumped the ball around with little trouble and saw their side home before 6pm, with 89 balls to spare.

If this is what Sunday league cricket is like, Headingley may not have been so badly off without it — and here, of course, is another moot point, because although people have been watching Yorkshire play here for 105 years, they may not be doing so for much longer.

The club is examining the possibilities of moving its headquarters to a greenfield site on the outskirts of Leeds, or to one near Wakefield, or even maybe staying put. The issue remains clouded in uncertainty.

One other thing. It was noticeable that the majority of the crowd of 3,500 huddled on the side of the ground where the old pavilion stands, while the West Terrace stood largely deserted, as though no one wanted to associate himself with the scene of so much notoriety.

During the winter, the club surrepitiously announced it was removing 2,000 seats from this area in response to the riot there during the NatWest Trophy semi-final last August. If Yorkshire do leave Headingley, nobody will be sorry if they say goodbye to such incidents as that.

Crawley injury adds to Lancashire woe

BY JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD: Essex (4 pts) beat Lancashire by 17 runs

MORE important in Lancashire eyes than defeat in this match, though that was bad enough, was the injury sustained by John Crawley. He hobbled off the field after completing his stay virtually on one leg. He has pulled a hamstring; not, fortunately, the leg which caused his return from South Africa last winter, but his availability for the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final with Yorkshire tomorrow must be in doubt.

If Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, carries on in similar vein to that displayed in his 88 yesterday, this may not handicap Lancashire all that much. Facing a total of 249, he hit five long sixes in his stay of 83 balls, carried the fight to Essex from the first ball that he received, and almost single-handedly kept Lancashire ahead of the asking rate.

This was Watkinson's third innings as opener in the Sunday game. Each time he has passed 50. When he finally miscued Paul Grayson, in an over from which he had already taken two straight sixes, Lancashire were in with a chance; but Grayson, who stuck to his task with admirable calm, had already dismissed the dangerous Lloyd and Fairbrother. When he had Hegg caught at short mid-wicket, defeat for Lancashire was plainly on the cards.

Grayson has already given healthy indications of being a fine acquisition for Essex. Now he finished with four for 46. As much as anyone, he had given Essex their chance, but the newest recruit had to share the honours with the oldest player in the Essex team yesterday.

For sheer timing combined with weight of stroke, nobody came near to Gooch. His stand of 123 with Prichard took just 16 overs, and he went on to the last over of the Essex innings, clubbing the ball to all quarters. Although he was, surprisingly, slower to his half-century than Prichard, taking 49 balls to Prichard's 43, his mastery of the Lancashire attack was such that his last 37 runs came from only 27 balls.

Ten of these came from a six and a four off successive balls during an extraordinary last over of the Essex innings, bowled by Martin. It contained three wickets (one a run out), 12 runs off the bat, and two wides. Variety in the Sunday league is indeed the spice.

Fletcher at home with the county set

DAVID MUNDEN

Ivo Tennant talks to the Essex man who is still hard at work for club and country



Life after England for Fletcher involves a wide-ranging consultancy role with Essex

Playing the celebrity never appealed to Keith Fletcher. Even after he had been appointed England captain, he would push David Acfield ahead of him when they approached the sponsor's tent on an Essex ground. "Go on," he would say, "you are better educated than me. You talk to them." Years later, when England coach, a fan spotted him sitting unobtrusively in a bar in Portugal. One cry of "Bring back Gower" was enough to make him leave his drink and melt away.

Nobody pesters Fletcher now. When he rejoined his beloved Essex after England terminated his contract last year after the disastrous tour of Australia, he became a "cricket consultant". This curious-sounding role suits him ideally, for he can attend to whichever of the county's teams that he feels warrants his attention. He is pleased, not least, to be away from the media.

Few would have thought of him while England were beating India yesterday. His time as coach, as with his brief tenure as captain, is not remembered with affection. Unlike, it should be said, the man himself, for nobody could dislike Fletcher or not respect what he achieved with Essex. Those who have played county cricket under his guidance say that he is pre-eminent at imparting advice to an individual, as opposed to at a team meeting.

At Test level, it was a different matter. The wider stage engulfed him. Fletcher, 52, was obviously upset to lose his job as coach, but has declined to make any public utterances. Considering the disparaging comments Raymond Illingworth made about him and that cheque-books are waved around in these circumstances, this was highly commendable.

Sitting atop the pavilion at Chelmsford, torn between watching Essex in the middle and Nasser Hussain and Ronnie Irani propelling England towards victory over India on television, he emphasised his affection for the game. "I would not want to knock it. Cricket is not the route to becoming a millionaire, but it is a superb way of life, at county or Test level. One day I might write a book, but not yet."

His consultancy role now is primarily concerned with developing youngsters into good enough cricketers to play for Essex and, he stresses, England. When Trevor Bailey first saw the 14-year-old Fletcher, he knew he would become a Test cricketer. Fletcher believes he has seen some 16 and 17-year-olds about whom he can say the same. As for the present generation, Hussain learnt the game under his captaincy and Irani is adamant that he would not have become a Test cricketer without the help of Fletcher and Graham Gooch.

"Nasser grew up in Essex, but Ronnie did not come to us until he was 24," Fletcher said. "We have helped make him into a very good cricketer. He is not technically sound, but he has this tremendous confidence in himself and we have managed to keep that going."

Fletcher gives Lancashire due credit for allowing Irani to change counties. "This should happen elsewhere if a player is not part of the team. I would not be against a transfer system or giving compensation to counties in those circumstances. We lost Nick Knight to Warwickshire without recompense after developing him and offering him the chance to open the batting. What is needed is for every club to spend the amount of money that Essex do on producing young cricketers.

"There should be a centre of excellence at each club's headquarters. Australia produce more good cricketers than we do and it is up to every county to have the ambition to develop England players. I am not convinced that is the case."

When Fletcher was dismissed by England, he had offers of employment from other counties as well as from television. It was Acfield, his close friend and former colleague, who is now chairman of Essex, who asked him to rejoin the county. Was he surprised Fletcher was not a success as England coach? "Yes and no. Keith is ideally suited to dealing with cricketers on a one-to-one basis. We have given him a wide-ranging brief to improve our cricket in Essex."

In winter, Fletcher is to be found in the indoor school at Chelmsford, looking after age groups ranging from the under-12s to the second XI. He remains the countryman, gardening, looking to catch bigger fish and enjoying his golf and skiing. For all the disappointments of his career with England as batsman, captain and coach, he would take up the game again if he was 35 years younger.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

As you probably know, when you are missing the queen of a suit and the defence have five cards in it, the odds favour taking a finesse. But if the defence has only four cards, playing for the drop is correct, though not by much. That also applies if the defence start with five but get a ruff — again you play for the drop, but it is close. Any slight indication the other way can tip the balance in favour of finessing.

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Final contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: king of clubs

North opened 1 NT, South bid Three Hearts, North 3 NT and South Four Hearts. I think it would have been better for South (Howard Cohen) to bid Four Hearts directly over 1 NT.

He said he bid Three Hearts just in case his partner had heart support and could cue-bid over Three Hearts.I think that is an impractical approach — it still wouldn't be clear whether South should advance beyond Four Hearts. However, it is true that if you give North the queen of hearts and switch his diamond and club holdings, Six Hearts would be an excellent contract.

After the king of clubs West continued with the jack to East's ace; East returned a third round, ruffed by West. West exited with the ten of diamonds, annoyingly removing dummy's only entry before declarer could play off a top trump. How should declarer now play the trumps?

Playing for a 2-2 break of the remaining trumps, Cohen cashed the ace and king and went down. But as he told me afterwards, he should have considered the significance of the lead. K from K J doubleton is not a particularly attractive lead, and if West had Q x x of hearts there would have been little point in trying for a ruff — he would be almost assured of a trump trick. But if West just had x x of hearts, he might try the club lead. So the lead of the king of clubs from a hand containing x x of hearts is more likely than from one containing Q x x of hearts, and that consideration makes finessing in trumps on the first round the best chance.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Attrition

True to form, game one of the Karpov-Kamsky Fide world championship in Russia produced a lengthy and bitterly contested endgame. Karpov emerged from the opening with a slight advantage in the shape of the bishop pair and slightly sounder pawn structure, but in compensation Kamsky enjoyed free play for his pieces. After a series of exchanges produced an endgame that most players would have given up for drawn, Karpov ploughed on grimly against his 23-year-old opponent and eventually ground down his resistance. The game was adjourned after 56 moves and Karpov's 57th move was sealed in an envelope, prior to resumption of the game. However, without waiting, Kamsky resigned by telephone the next day.

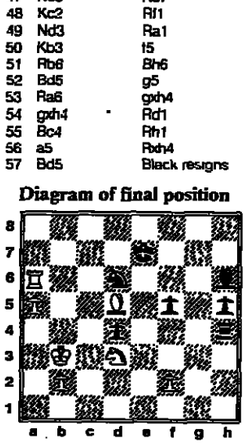
This was a victory in Karpov's best style, reminiscent of his remorseless strategic wins against Kasparov in their first world title clash of 1984.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Gata Kamsky
Fide world championship
Elista. Game one, June 1996

Grunfeld Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	d5
4	Nf3	Bg7
5	Qb3	dxc4
6	Qxc4	0-0
7	e4	Nc6
8	Be2	Bg4
9	Be3	Bxf3
10	Bxf3	e5
11	d5	Nd4
12	Bd1	b5
13	Nxb5	Nxe4
14	0-0	a6
15	Nc3	Nd6
16	Qd3	Qh4
17	g3	Qh3
18	Bxd4	exd4
19	Ne2	Of5
20	Nf4	Rfb8
21	Qxd5	Nxf5
22	Nd3	Bh6
23	Re1	a5
24	Bg4	Nd6
25	Re2	a4
26	a3	Ra5
27	Rc2	Rxd5
28	Rxc7	Ra5
29	Bf3	Bg5
30	Rd1	Rc8
31	Rxc8+	Nxc8
32	h4	Bf6
33	Rc1	Nd6
34	Kf1	Be7
35	Ke2	Kf8
36	Rc7	Bf6
37	Kd2	h5
38	Ke2	Nf5
39	Rc4	Nd6
40	Rb4	Ra6
41	Nc5	Ra7
42	Kd3	Rc7
43	Nxa4	Rc1
44	Nb6	Bg7
45	a4	Ra1
46	Nd7+	Ke8
47	Nc5	Ke7
48	Kc2	Rf1
49	Nd3	Ra1
50	Kb3	f5
51	Rb6	Bh6
52	Bd5	g5
53	Ra6	gxh4
54	gxh4	Rd1
55	Bc4	Rh1
56	a5	Rxh4
57	Bd5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Game two was played over the weekend and resulted in a win for Kamsky. The score is now one win each.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DIOECIOUS
a. Lodging with
b. Sexually distinct
c. Impatient

DRUGGET
a. A narcotic drink
b. A small hound
c. Coarse cloth

ETAGERE
a. Shelving
b. An inn-keeper
c. Shelving

DECENNOVAL
a. Innovative
b. Laying ten eggs
c. To do with 19

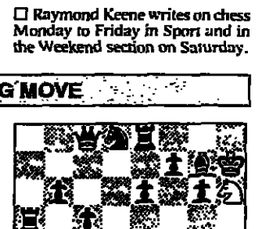
Answers on page 44

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This week and in weeks to come I will be concentrating on positions by Anatoly Karpov and his challenger Gata Kamsky. Black to play. This position is from the game Nunn — Kamsky, Monaco 1995. Black could try 1 . . . Bxh6 but then White would regain the piece with 2 Qh4. Instead, Kamsky found something much stronger.

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SUNDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Essex v Lancashire

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss) Essex (4pts) beat Lancashire by 17 runs

ESSEX

D D J Robinson b Elworthy	48
S G Law b Chapple	28
†R J Rollins run out	13
G A Gooch b Martin	87
*P J Prichard b Martin	50
M C Ilott run out	2
A P Grayson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 12)	21
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	249

S J W Andrew, J J B Lewis, P M Such and A P Cowan did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-86, 3-112, 4-235, 5-247, 6-249

BOWLING: Austin 8-0-49-0, Martin 8-0-55-2, Chapple 7-1-45-1, Elworthy 8-0-36-1, Yates 5-0-27-0, Watkinson 4-0-26-0

LANCASHIRE

S P Titchard run out	1
*M Watkinson c and b Grayson	88
J P Crawley c Such b Andrew	23
G D Lloyd c Cowan b Grayson	12
N H Fairbrother c Ilott b Grayson	18
†W K Hegg c Gooch b Grayson	4
I D Austin b Law	16
S Elworthy run out	1
G Yates c Such b Andrew	38
G Chapple low b Ilott	2
P J Martin not out	10
Extras (lb 6, w 11, nb 2)	19
Total (38 overs)	232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-68, 3-105, 4-146, 5-161, 6-180, 7-181, 8-181, 9-192

BOWLING: Cowan 4-0-36-0, Ilott 7-0-39-1; Andrew 8-0-47-2, Such 4-0-24-0; Grayson 8-0-46-4, Law 8-0-34-1.

Umpires: R A White and P Willey

Hampshire v Derbyshire

SOUTHAMPTON (Derbyshire won toss) Hampshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by five wickets

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett low b Connor	8
A S Rollins low b Stephenson	0
*D M Jones not out	101
C J Adams c Aymes b Stephenson	1
J E Owen c White b Whitaker	40
P A J DeFreitas c and b Udal	46
†K M Krikken c James b Udal	14
T A Tweats run out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 3, nb 2)	15
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	226

S J Base, A J Harris and K J Dean did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-40, 3-45, 4-140, 5-201, 6-224, 7-226

BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-27-2; Thursfield 2-0-18-0; Connor 8-0-41-1, Udal 8-0-56-2; James 8-0-34-0; Whitaker 6-0-30-1

HAMPSHIRE

*J P Stephenson c Base b Jones	31
J S Laney c and b Base	23
R A Smith b Harris	91
W K M Benjamin c Adams b Base	40
†A N Aymes c Krikken b Harris	12
P R Whitaker not out	6
S D Udal not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 10)	22
Total (5 wkts, 39.1 overs)	227

G W White, K D James, M J Thursfield and C A Connor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-105, 3-184, 4-218, 5-225

BOWLING: Dean 8-0-34-0, Base 8-0-34-2, Harris 7-1-28-2, DeFreitas 3-0-38-0, Jones 7-1-0-47-1, Barnett 6-0-34-0

Umpires: B J Meyer and G Sharp

Leicestershire v Kent

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss) Kent (4pts) beat Leicestershire by four wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

P V Simmons low b Cowdrey	139
V J Wells b Fleming	84
B F Smith run out	33
*J J Whitaker not out	25
D L Maddy c Llong b Fleming	20
†P A Nixon not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 11, w 2, nb 2)	20
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	311

A Habib, G J Parsons, C C Remy, A R K Pierson and D J Millns did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-228, 2-259, 3-299, 4-307

BOWLING: Thompson 4-0-23-0, Ealham 7-0-57-0, Headley 6-0-51-0, Hooper 4-0-29-0; Fleming 7-0-56-2; McCague 6-0-35-0, Cowdrey 6-0-44-1

KENT

T R Ward b Parsons	43
M V Fleming c Remy b Millns	10
C L Hooper b Millns	145
G R Cowdrey c Nixon b Simmons	17
M A Ealham c Maddy b Remy	56
N J Llong b Remy	3
M J Walker not out	19
*†S A Marsh not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 10)	18
Total (6 wkts, 38.2 overs)	314

M J McCague, J B D Thompson and D W Headley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-63, 3-96, 4-200, 5-218, 6-309

BOWLING: Parsons 8-0-46-1, Millns 6-0-47-2; Simmons 7.2-0-52-1, Wells 6-0-50-0, Pierson 6-0-57-0; Remy 4-0-41-2, Maddy 1-0-13-0

Umpires: H D Bird and J H Harris

Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss) Middlesex (4pts) beat Glamorgan by eight wickets

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Gatting b Fraser	3
H Morris c Brown b Carr	55
*M P Maynard c Carr b Rashid	44
P A Cottey c Pooley b Weekes	32
A Dale c Pooley b Weekes	23
G P Butcher c Weekes b Rashid	5
R D B Croft not out	45
S D Thomas not out	7
Extras (lb 4, w 3)	7
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	221

†C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-65, 3-137, 4-138, 5-160, 6-174

BOWLING: Fay 6-0-28-0, Fraser 8-1-38-1, Rashid 7-0-57-2, Hewitt 4-0-25-0, Carr 7-0-34-1, Weekes 8-0-37-2

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes not out	119
M R Ramprakash run out	5
*M W Gatting run out	90
J D Carr not out	0
Extras (lb 3, w 5)	8
Total (2 wkts, 35.3 overs)	222

J C Pooley, †K R Brown, O A Shah, J P Hewitt, R A Fay, A R C Fraser and U B A Rashid did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-221

BOWLING: Thomas 7.4-0-52-0, Watkin 8-2-35-0, Butcher 4-0-23-0; Barwick 6.5-1-45-0; Croft 6-0-42-0, Dale 3-0-31-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and K E Palmer

Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire

TRENT BRIDGE (Northamptonshire won toss) Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by five wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Loye b Ambrose	2
R T Robinson retired hurt	7
G F Archer b Taylor	12
*P Johnson c Bailey b Ambrose	0
C L Cairns c Warren b Capel	24
C M Tolley c Ambrose b Emburey	11
K P Evans c and b Capel	3
†W M Noon low b Bailey	12
R T Bates c Warren b Penberthy	13
R A Pick not out	32
M N Bowon not out	23
Extras (lb 5, w 9, nb 4)	18
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-26, 3-27, 4-66, 5-67, 6-74, 7-93, 8-107.

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-3-19-2; Taylor 8-0-39-1; Capel 6-0-24-2, Emburey 7-0-30-1, Bailey 5-0-17-1; Penberthy 6-0-23-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie c Bates b Pick	77
M B Loye c Noon b Pick	0
*R J Bailey c sub b Bowen	8
K M Curran b Pick	46
D J Capel low b Bates	11
†R J Warren not out	7
T C Walton not out	4
Extras (lb 3, w 2)	5
Total (5 wkts, 38.1 overs)	158

J E Emburey, C E L Ambrose, A L Penberthy and J P Taylor did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-24, 3-125, 4-142, 5-148

BOWLING: Evans 6-1-17-0; Pick 8-1-31-3, Cairns 7.1-1-31-0, Bowen 6-0-24-1, Bates 8-0-34-1, Tolley 3-0-18-0

Umpires: J C Balderstone and N T Plews

Somerset v Warwickshire

TAUNTON (Warwickshire won toss) Somerset (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 26 runs

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Giles b Welch	93
P D Bowler st Piper b Reeve	1
S C Ecclestone c Piper b Pollock	12
M E Trescothick b N M K Smith	18
S Lee c Reeve b Pollock	71
G D Rose c and b Brown	3
†R J Turner b Brown	15
*A N Hayhurst not out	16
K A Parsons not out	2
Extras (lb 4, w 15)	19
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	249

A R Caddick and H R J Trump did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-19, 3-56, 4-212, 5-213, 6-222, 7-247.

BOWLING: Reeve 8-0-36-1, Pollock 8-0-36-2, Welch 6-0-54-1; N M K Smith 8-0-32-1, Giles 2-0-22-0; P A Smith 4-0-22-0, Brown 4-0-43-2

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c Lathwell b Rose	8
N M K Smith c Parsons b Trump	88
D R Brown c Caddick b Lee	32
D P Ostler c Ecclestone b Trump	9
T L Penney c Parsons b Hayhurst	44
S M Pollock b Lee	17
*D A Reeve c Turner b Hayhurst	0
G Welch low b Lee	0
P A Smith c sub b Parsons	8
A F Giles not out	6
†N J Piper c Caddick b Hayhurst	0
Extras (lb 9, w 6)	15
Total (39.3 overs)	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-86, 3-117, 4-156, 5-185, 6-186, 7-192, 8-208, 9-222

BOWLING: Caddick 8-0-38-0; Rose 7-0-37-1, Lee 8-0-37-3; Trump 8-0-53-2, Hayhurst 7.3-0-38-3, Parsons 1-0-13-1.

Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer

Sussex v Durham

HOVE (Sussex won toss) Sussex (4pts) beat Durham by six runs

SUSSEX

R A Rao c Ligertwood b Walker	21
K Greenfield c Campbell b Boiling	49
*A P Wells c Betts b Boiling	17
M P Speight b Killeen	37
N J Lenham c Ligertwood b Walker	8
†P Moores c Campbell b Walker	3
D R C Law not out	47
V C Drakes c Morris b Boiling	6
I D K Salisbury not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 4, nb 6)	18
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	217

J D Lewry and P W Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-90, 3-122, 4-144, 5-146, 6-157, 7-169

BOWLING: Brown 8-0-42-0, Killeen 8-0-37-1, Betts 8-0-34-0, Walker 8-0-31-3; Boiling 8-0-65-3

DURHAM

S L Campbell run out	31
*M A Roseberry b Greenfield	65
J E Morris c Greenfield b Salisbury	38
D A Blenkiron b Lewry	32
P D Collingwood b Jarvis	10
†D G C Ligertwood run out	6
N Killeen b Law	1
S J E Brown not out	7
M M Betts not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 8, nb 6)	30
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	211

J Boiling and A Walker did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-126, 3-165, 4-180, 5-198, 6-200, 7-207

BOWLING: Drakes 8-0-34-0; Lewry 6-0-30-1, Law 4-0-33-1; Jarvis 8-0-36-1; Salisbury 8-1-32-1, Greenfield 6-0-30-1

Umpires: M J Kitchen and T E Jesty

Yorkshire v Surrey

HEADINGLEY (Surrey won toss) Yorkshire (4pts) beat Surrey by eight wickets

SURREY

D M Ward c Bevan b Silverwood	2
A D Brown b Silverwood	5
D J Bicknell run out	39
N Shahid c Blakey b White	3
*A J Hollioake b White	3
B P Julian low b Hartley	16
I D Ward low b Hartley	1
B C Hollioake low b Stemp	12
†G J Kersey not out	22
M P Bicknell c Hartley b Silverwood	0
J E Benjamin low b Gough	0
Extras (lb 3, w 3)	6
Total (32.4 overs)	90

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-8, 3-22, 4-30, 5-40, 6-50, 7-57, 8-72, 9-73

BOWLING: Gough 5.4-1-12-1, Silverwood 8-1-28-3, White 5-0-14-2, Hartley 8-2-9-2, Stemp 6-0-24-1.

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c B C Hollioake b M P Bicknell	8
M D Moxon c M P Bicknell b A J Hollioake	16
M P Vaughan not out	25
M G Bevan not out	37
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 2)	7
Total (2 wkts, 25.5 overs)	93

C White, †R J Blakey, A C Morris, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-39

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 6-2-17-1, B C Hollioake 8-1-16-0; A J Hollioake 7-1-26-1, Julian 2-0-17-0, Benjamin 1-0-8-0; I D Ward 1.5-0-14-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and B Leadbeater

TABLE

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Northants (13)	5	5	0	0	20
Middlesex (17)	5	4	0	1	18
Kent (1)	6	4	2	0	16
Lancashire (4)	5	3	2	0	12
Worcs (3)	4	2	0	2	12
Notts (11)	5	3	2	0	12
Surrey (9)	5	3	2	0	12
Yorkshire (12)	6	3	3	0	12
Somerset (14)	5	2	2	1	10
Essex (5)	5	2	2	1	10
Leics (7)	5	2	2	1	10
Derbyshire (8)	6	1	3	2	8
Warwicks (2)	5	2	3	0	8
Glamorgan (6)	5	1	2	2	8
Sussex (10)	5	1	3	1	6
Hampshire (16)	5	1	3	1	6
Durham (16)	6	0	5	1	2
Glocs (15)	4	0	3	1	2

(Last season's positions in brackets)

Bailey's men stay top

THE TROPHY Northamptonshire covert above all others is the Britannic Assurance county championship (Ivo Tennant writes). The trophy they are rather more likely to win is the Axa Equity & Law League, for they remain under the captaincy of Rob Bailey, as they did under Allan Lamb, a side whose strengths primarily reside in the one-day game. Their victory over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge yesterday, by five wickets, ensured that they remain at the top of the table.

They lead Middlesex, who beat Glamorgan by dint of notable innings by Gatting and Weekes, by just two points. Yet their victory was all the more important because Nottinghamshire, led by one of the finest of limited-overs batsmen in Johnson, were in joint-third place at the outset. An innings of 77 by Montgomerie, who was given useful support from Curran, the all-rounder, was the significant contribution.

Weekes's century at Lord's was his first in this competition. His partnership of 203 with Gatting, his captain, was a record for any Middlesex wicket in the Sunday league. The captain was run out for 90 going for the winning run.

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CRICKET

Ambrose laughs off tall stories of apparent decline

ALAN LEE



Cricket Correspondent

CURTLY AMBROSE is such an inscrutable fellow that it must be pure guesswork just what goes on way up there in his head. It is a fair bet, however, that his memories have flown fast and mixed these past few days, as the Edgbaston Test has recalled the events of a year ago.

Ambrose thought that the Birmingham pitch, in its brief but startling two-tone phase, had been tailored specifically for him when his first ball of that game performed an extravagant leap over batsman and wicketkeeper. He had soon taken two prime England wickets, one with spiteful lift, and was enjoying himself so much that the more squeamish were inclined to turn their televisions to the wall before he hobbled off the field, and out of the match, with a groin strain.

We wondered if we were seeing the physically impaired twilight of a great bowler, for Ambrose is into his thirties and his joints have been roundly punished. When it transpired that he was among the West Indies players disciplined for unbecoming behaviour later in the tour, sage heads nodded in agreement that here was a disaffected cricketer who recognised retirement beckoning.

Certainly, few expected to see him bowling in county cricket again and many an eyebrow was raised when Northamptonshire boldly proceeded with their long-term plan to re-engage him for this summer. Thus far, however, Ambrose has confounded the cynical majority.

Take Saturday. While he may have cast an envious glance at the television pictures from nearby Birmingham, and another treacherous pitch, Ambrose had to buckle down to bowling on the most placid surface in the country and yet, at Trent Bridge, the venue for the third Test for which the battered Indians are already yearning. Ambrose took six wickets to oblige Nottinghamshire to follow on.

His analysis included a spell of four for 26 with the second new ball and gave Northamptonshire hope of their first win of the season. Nottinghamshire's 11-month wait for a championship victory, meanwhile, must inevitably go on, extended by the striking commitment of the Antiguan in circumstances that were neither glamorous nor encouraging.

Once, this would have surprised even those within his own side. It is only two years since Ambrose arrived so late for the county season that he put his contract at risk and, when the merits of his bowling are set against the defects of his character, sulkiness will rate a strong mention. Now, it seems, we are seeing a transformation.

Ambrose is suddenly the life and soul of the Northamptonshire side. We are not privy to his reasons, for he still guards his privacy against even the mildest of media inquiries, but perhaps it is simply that time is running short and his desire to win a county trophy is strong.

Not only is he bowling with all the old skill and enthusiasm, he has also asked to field amid the action at slip, rather than grazing at third man. He has even been seen running errands, ferrying bowlers' sweaters and caps to the umpires, and when his batting decided a tense Sunday league game against Warwickshire last week, preserving Northamptonshire's unbeaten one-day record, Ambrose sprinted off waving his bat triumphantly above his head as if it were a World Cup final.

It is stirring stuff and much appreciated at Northampton, where opinion may be hardening against the proposal for at least one season — 1999 — free of overseas players. The counties must vote on the issue in August and, as human nature dictates, most will vote according to their own relationship with the existing arrangement. If they have a good, exciting foreigner, they will not be as inclined to see the benefits of an all-English experiment as might those counties either out of luck or out of love with their chosen import.

Middlesex, for instance. Dion Nash, the New Zealander, has only appeared in one championship game for them this season, but, on Saturday, they completed a second consecutive win, beating Glamorgan by nine wickets. They are likely to feel that the game can proceed happily enough without overseas help, especially if Paul Weekes has more days like this — he took eight for 39, easily a career best, with his under-used off spin, then scored 40 not out and finished the match with a six.

Yorkshire, late converts to the acceptance of overseas players, now have a jewel in Michael Bevan. The Australian made his third century of the season, at Middlesbrough, where Surrey should be beaten today, and it was ironic that, simultaneously, Sachin Tendulkar should be defying the England bowlers so memorably. While Bevan tours with Australia next summer, Tendulkar is likely to be back with Yorkshire. They, too, are unlikely to vote out their entitlement to such riches.

☐ Kent's hopes of consolidating their position at the head of the Britannic Assurance county championship ended when Leicestershire, asked to make 245 in 48 overs at Grace Road, settled for a draw, finishing on 173 for six. Robin Smith's 141 was the Hampshire batsman's first century of the season.



Cowdrey, the Kent batsman, survives an appeal as Maddy catches him off his pads at Grace Road on Saturday. Photograph: Tim Keeton

Board opposes Test matches' listed status

Simon Wilde reports on fears of a fall in revenue from television because of lack of competition

The development of cricket in Britain and plans to restructure the game "from playground to Test arena" under the proposed English Cricket Board could be undermined by the recent amendment to the Government's broadcasting bill, according to two of the men instrumental in signing cricket's groundbreaking £60 million television contract two years ago.

The four-year deal, which was three times bigger than its predecessor, has enabled English cricket to invest in locating and nurturing the next generation of county and international players and enhancing the working conditions of the present generation. However, the contract expires in 1998 and Terry Blake, the Test and County Cricket Board's marketing manager, and Brian Downing, chairman of the board's marketing committee, are concerned about their scope for signing a similarly lucrative deal if England's home Test matches remain one of the "listed events" under the terms of the new bill.

If they could take bids for exclusive live coverage once again — which the BBC secured under the present deal — from a variety of terrestrial and satellite broadcasters in an open marketplace, another substantially increased contract might be won. In fact, what may happen is that the next deal will be smaller than the existing one, with potentially damaging consequences for the game.

"With little prospect of ITV or Channel 4 bidding for live coverage, cricket will be seriously and unfairly penalised without proper competition from subscription channels," Downing said yesterday. "BBC would be on its own and Test cricket the only sport forced to operate in a one-customer market. Other sports with events earmarked for listing have strong competition among terrestrial broadcasters."

Domestic Test matches constitute about one-third of cricket's total television output of 600 hours this summer. Other "listed" events — such as the Grand National, the Derby, and the FA Cup and Scottish Cup finals — are much shorter and form fractions of their sports' total coverage. They have much less impact, therefore, on the value of television deals.

"English cricket's revenue has increased recently, but that was chiefly because it was able to receive bids for live coverage from a really competitive field for the first time in 1994," Blake said. "Cricket signed a responsible television deal, delivering the game to the whole spectrum of broadcasters through live coverage, highlights packages and magazine programmes, and across an accessible range of viewing times. It also enabled the sport to plan sensibly for its future. That may not be the case next time."

Blake and Downing have a persuasive argument for cricket being treated as a special case. The English game is set on a course of change in an attempt to improve its standing in the world game and, towards this aim, has prepared a national development plan and begun investing its television revenue.

If the board's bargaining power is curbed, though, the whole process may suffer. The TCCB has asked the Department of National Heritage to take Test cricket off the list once legislation is complete. The bill has reached committee stage in the House of Commons and the legislation is likely to be completed before the end of the summer.

Earlier this year, Lord Howell, the former Labour Minister for Sport, gained a significant victory in the House of Lords in what was acclaimed in some quarters as a victory for the viewer, but the long-term consequences — especially for cricket — were obscured.

Lord Howell won an amendment preserving ten leading sporting events in Britain for live coverage on terrestrial television on the grounds that they were part of the nation's cultural heritage. Blake and Downing believe Howell's fears are groundless because the ruling bodies of sport, including the TCCB, have signed a voluntary code of conduct over the sale of broadcasting rights designed to secure the development of their sports and ensure the public is not denied access to important events.

The first-class counties have been appraised of the TCCB's concerns over the bill, but many are committed to spending large sums establishing their own administrative boards — as part of the national plan — and updating grounds. As Downing said: "Who will compensate the national summer sport if this bill goes through and Test matches remain on the list?"

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Lancashire

CHELMSFORD (third day of four) Lancashire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 109 runs ahead of Essex

ESSEX: First Innings 509 (S G Law 144, A P Grayson 129, G A Gooch 101, J J B Lewis 69; I D Austin 5 for 116)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

N J Speak b Such	29
N T Wood c Rollins b Cowan	1
J P Crawley c Law b Ilott	1
S P Titchard c Lewis b Such	163
G D Lloyd c Rollins b Cowan	241
*M Watkinson st Rollins b Grayson	34
†W K Hegg c Grayson b Cowan	37
I D Austin not out	45
S Elworthy c Prichard b Such	19
G Chapple c Grayson b Such	10
G Keedy not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 17, nb 14)	33
Total (9 wkts)	618

Score at 120 overs: 528-5

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-55, 4-413, 5-472, 6-530, 7-536, 8-577, 9-595

BOWLING: Ilott 29-4-120-1, Cowan 27-3-114-3, Such 37-12-144-4; Andrew 20-2-85-0; Grayson 22-2-106-1, Law 6-0-30-0

Bonus points: Essex 6 Lancashire 6

Umpires: R A White and P Willey

Hampshire v Derbyshire

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four) Derbyshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 123 runs ahead of Hampshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 472 (C J Adams 239, A S Rollins 131, S D Udal 4 for 127)

Second Innings

K J Barnett c White b James	49
A S Rollins c Udal b Bovill	7
C J Adams lbw b Connor	5
*D M Jones c Laney b Udal	19
J E Owen c Whitaker b Udal	33
T A Tweats not out	0
P A J DeFreitas not out	20
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 2)	12
Total (5 wkts)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-27, 3-72, 4-118, 5-124

BOWLING: Connor 9-1-35-1, Bovill 8-2-43-1, Udal 16-5-28-2, James 9-2-31-1

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

*J P Stephenson c Rollins b Jones	85
J S Laney lbw b Malcolm	21
K D James lbw b Vandrau	28
R A Smith c DeFreitas b Jones	141
P R Whitaker b Jones	27
G W White b DeFreitas	7
R J Maru c Tweats b Jones	34
†A N Aymes not out	55
S D Udal c Tweats b DeFreitas	42
C A Connor b Harris	8
J N B Bovill c Owen b Jones	20
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 1, nb 14)	26
Total (117.5 overs)	494

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-103, 3-208, 4-264, 5-299, 6-367, 7-368, 8-436, 9-464.

BOWLING: Malcolm 19-1-93-1, DeFreitas 28-1-103-2, Harris 12-1-59-1, Vandrau 23-3-73-1, Barnett 12-1-43-0; Jones 23.5-2-112-5

Bonus points: Hampshire 6 Derbyshire 8

Umpires: G Sharp and B J Meyer

Leicestershire v Kent

LEICESTER (final day of four) Leicestershire (11pts) drew with Kent (9)

KENT: First Innings 324 (T R Ward 90, G R Cowdrey 71, S A Marsh 51)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Parsons b Brimson	88
M V Fleming c Maddy b Pierson	114
T R Ward c Maddy b Brimson	22
C L Hooper c Habib b Brimson	28
G R Cowdrey b Pierson	6
M A Ealham st Nixon b Brimson	2
*†S A Marsh c Parsons b Brimson	24
M J McCague not out	3
N W Preston c Maddy b Pierson	20
Extras (b 11, lb 3, w 4, nb 2)	20
Total (8 wkts dec)	351

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-195, 2-259, 3-266, 4-287, 5-297, 6-301, 7-345, 8-351.

BOWLING: Millns 8-2-21-0, Parsons 20-8-57-0, Pierson 35.4-5-133-3, Simmons 9-1-29-0, Brimson 26-5-97-5.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 431 (B F Smith 174 not out, P V Simmons 82)

Second Innings

*J J Whitaker c Fulton b McCague	6
V J Wells c Marsh b McCague	57
B F Smith c Ealham b Hooper	60
P V Simmons st Marsh b Hooper	22
A Habib not out	9
D L Maddy run out	2
†P A Nixon b Stanford	7
A R K Pierson not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 2, w 1)	10
Total (6 wkts)	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-120, 3-142, 4-158, 5-159, 6-170

BOWLING: McCague 9-0-53-2, Ealham 3-1-13-0, Stanford 16.3-4-42-1; Hooper 19-3-56-2.

Umpires: J D Bond and D J Constant

Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S (third day of four): Middlesex (23pts) beat Glamorgan (5) by nine wickets

GLAMORGAN: *First Innings 238* (G P Butcher 63; R A Fay 4 for 53)

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Tufnell	33
A W Evans c Brown b Weekes	27
G P Butcher b Weekes	8
*M P Maynard c Carr b Weekes	3
P A Cottey c Brown b Weekes	22
R D B Croft c Carr b Weekes	19
†A D Shaw not out	9
S D Thomas b Weekes	4
N M Kendrick c Brown b Weekes	0
S L Watkin b Weekes	0
S R Barwick c Hewitt b Tufnell	6
Extras (b 2, lb 9)	11
Total	141

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-64, 3-89, 4-84, 5-119, 6-120, 7-124, 8-126, 9-130

BOWLING: Fraser 11-4-26-0, Fay 4-1-15-0; Hewitt 2-0-11-0, Tufnell 25.2-7-39-2, Weekes 20-5-38-8

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes b Croft	15
J C Pooley c James b Thomas	1
R A Fay c Cottey b Butcher	26
J C Harrison c Maynard b Croft	35
M R Ramprakash c Shaw b Watkin	97
*M W Gatting c Shaw b Watkin	19
J D Carr st Shaw b Croft	49
†A R Brown c Cottey b Croft	25
J P Hewitt lbw b Croft	4
A R C Fraser c Kendrick b Croft	33
P C R Tufnell not out	16
Extras (lb 12, w 1, nb 2)	15
Total	335

Score at 120 overs: 304-9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-25, 3-67, 4-92, 5-119, 6-248, 7-266, 8-281, 9-288

BOWLING: Watkin 33-9-89-2, Thomas 21-4-43-1, Croft 31.2-5-88-6, Barwick 20-5-47-0, Butcher 12-6-27-1, Kendrick 8-1-29-0

Second Innings

P N Weekes not out	40
J C Pooley c Barwick b Croft	0
J C Harrison not out	3
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	45

FALL OF WICKET: 1-13.

BOWLING: Thomas 3-0-16-0, Croft 5-2-8-1, Kendrick 2.3-0-20-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and K E Palmer

Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire

TRENT BRIDGE (third day of four): Nottinghamshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 213 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 601 for 9 dec (R J Bailey 163, M B Loye 98, J E Emburey 67 not out, J P Taylor 57, A L Penberthy 54, C M Tolley 4 for 107)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Emburey b Ambrose	58
R T Robinson c Ambrose b Taylor	9
G F Archer b Ambrose	7
*P Johnson lbw b Taylor	103
†L N P Walker c Montgomerie b Ambrose	36
C L Cairns c Penberthy b Emburey	62
C M Tolley c Montgomerie b Emburey	4
K P Evans b Ambrose	46
R T Bates c Loye b Ambrose	0
R A Pick lbw b Ambrose	4
J A Afford not out	1
Extras (b 7, lb 6, nb 16)	29
Total (113.5 overs)	358

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-41, 3-193, 4-195, 5-282, 6-295, 7-316, 8-330, 9-338

BOWLING: Ambrose 22.5-6-91-6, Taylor 21-4-43-1, Croft 31.2-5-88-6, Barwick 20-5-47-0, Butcher 12-6-27-1, Kendrick 8-1-29-0

Second Innings

P R Pollard not out	7
R T Robinson not out	14
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total (no wkt)	29

BOWLING: Ambrose 3-1-5-0, Taylor 4-3-4-0, Capel 6-1-10-0, Penberthy 3-2-1-0, Emburey 1-0-1-0

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 5, Northamptonshire 7

Umpires: J C Balderstone and N T Plews

Somerset v Warwickshire

TAUNTON (third day of four): Somerset, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, require 321 runs to beat Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 255 (T L Penney 77, A R Caddick 5 for 76)

Second Innings

*A J Moles lbw b Rose	75
W G Khan c Lathwell b Caddick	15
D P Ostler c Turner b Rose	66
T L Penney c Turner b Caddick	52
D R Brown c Hayhurst b Caddick	11
S M Pollock c Turner b Caddick	0
†K J Piper c Turner b Caddick	8
G Welch c Caddick b Lee	31
N M K Smith b Batty	37
A F Giles st Turner b Batty	3
D A Altree not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 1, nb 10)	27
Total	325

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-159, 3-206, 4-237, 5-237, 6-248, 7-253, 8-322, 9-322

BOWLING: Caddick 25-7-85-5, Shine 13-1-52-0; Lee 15-2-42-1, Rose 19-5-58-2, Batty 24.2-6-72-2

SOMERSET: First Innings 242 (S Lee 65)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Moles b Pollock	1
P D Bowler not out	14
J D Batty not out	2
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	18

FALL OF WICKET: 1-12

BOWLING: Pollock 7-3-7-1, Brown 6-4-10-0

Bonus points: Somerset 5 Warwickshire 6

Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer

Sussex v Durham

HOVE (third day of four): Durham, with one second-innings wicket in hand, need 69 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey lbw b Birbeck	102
T A Radford b Brown	1
*A P Wells c Campbell b Birbeck	113
K Greenfield not out	124
N J Lenham lbw b Brown	10
D R C Law run out	35
†P Moores c Boiling b Birbeck	4
I D K Salisbury c Batts b Cox	22
V C Drakes c Scott b Cox	56
J D Lewry not out	28
Extras (b 1, lb 15, w 3, nb 38)	57
Total (8 wkts dec)	552

E S H Giddins did not bat.

Score at 120 overs: 368-4

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-211, 3-288, 4-302, 5-369, 6-373, 7-411, 8-515

BOWLING: Brown 35-10-96-2, Betts 22-1-148-0, Birbeck 31-9-88-3, Boiling 34-10-74-0, Cox 40-10-116-2, Blenkiron 15-0-14-0

DURHAM: First Innings

S L Campbell c Greenfield b Giddins	45
*M A Roseberry b Giddins	34
J E Morris c Wells b Salisbury	12
D A Blenkiron st Moores b Salisbury	22
P D Collingwood c Moores b Salisbury	16
S D Birbeck lbw b Salisbury	0
†C W Scott c Moores b Salisbury	0
M M Betts c Drakes b Salisbury	0
J Boiling c Salisbury b Drakes	4
S J E Brown c Greenfield b Drakes	12
D M Cox not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 6)	10
Total (44.1 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-88, 3-119, 4-132, 5-132, 6-136, 7-136, 8-139, 9-152.

BOWLING: Drakes 11.1-3-46-2, Lewry 8-0-28-0, Law 4-0-30-0, Salisbury 11-6-15-6, Giddins 10-1-36-2

Second Innings

S L Campbell lbw b Drakes	87
*M A Roseberry c and b Law	11
J E Morris lbw b Law	0
D A Blenkiron lbw b Law	3
P D Collingwood c Moores b Law	5
S D Birbeck c and b Law	8
†C W Scott c Wells b Drakes	52
M M Betts not out	56
J Boiling b Salisbury	1
S J E Brown c Moores b Salisbury	16
D M Cox not out	66
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 11)	19
Total (9 wkts)	324

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-24, 3-98, 4-40, 5-50, 6-179, 7-180, 8-185, 9-223

BOWLING: Drakes 15.2-64-2, Giddins 12.2-56-0, Law 11-4-31-5; Lewry 10-0-57-0; Salisbury 26-5-84-2; Greenfield 3-2-5-0

Bonus points: Sussex 6 Durham 1

Umpires: T E Jesty and M J Kitchen

Yorkshire v Surrey

MIDDLESBROUGH (third day of four): Surrey, with five second-innings wickets in hand, require 264 runs to beat Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 306 (M P Vaughan 135, B C Hollioake 4 for 74)

Second Innings

A McGrath c Ward b Julian	13
M P Vaughan c A J Hollioake b Ratcliffe	91
*D Byas lbw b B C Hollioake	5
M G Bevan not out	160
C White c Ward b Pearson	0
C E W Silverwood c and b Ratcliffe	6
†R J Blakey c B C Hollioake b Butcher	45
A C Morris c B C Hollioake b Butcher	5
G Gough c Butcher b Bicknell	16
P J Hartley c A J Hollioake b Butcher	5
R D Stemp c Kersey b Bicknell	3
Extras (b 4, lb 15, w 3, nb 22)	44
Total	387

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-41, 3-211, 4-219, 5-222, 6-326, 7-334, 8-369, 9-378

BOWLING: Julian 9-1-44-1, B C Hollioake 13.1-48-1, A J Hollioake 7-2-25-0, Benjamin 13-2-67-0, Pearson 24-3-80-1, Bicknell 10.5-1-29-2, Ratcliffe 6-0-26-2, Butcher 11-1-49-3.

SURREY: First Innings 197 (D J Bicknell 52; M P Vaughan 4 for 62, R D Stemp 4 for 44)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c and b Vaughan	20
M A Butcher c Silverwood b Hartley	112
J D Ratcliffe c Byas b Silverwood	26
*A J Hollioake c Blakey b Hartley	30
A D Brown not out	31
D M Ward c Byas b Gough	2
B P Julian not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 10)	11
Total (5 wkts)	232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-109, 3-169, 4-202, 5-216

BOWLING: Gough 13-8-11-1, Hartley 12.3-34-2, Vaughan 15-5-33-1, Stemp 19-4-72-0; Bevan 9-2-36-0, McGrath 1-0-12-0; Silverwood 6-1-34-1

Bonus points: Yorkshire 7 Surrey 4

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B Dudleston

University match

Oxford University v Worcestershire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 403 for 4 dec (M J Church 152, W P C Weston 124, T M Moody 66 not out)

Second Innings

V S Solanki c Batty b Mather	29
S R Lampitt c Malik b Thomson	70
† R Spring not out	78
†† Dawood c Gupte b Thomson	1
R K Illingworth not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 2)	3
Total (3 wkts dec)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-126, 3-126

BOWLING: du Preez 9-1-31-0, Kendall 5-0-35-0; Mather 7-3-19-1, Thomson 10-3-24-2; Wagh 8-3-18-0; Lightfoot 6-1-23-0; Malik 6-0-23-0; Gupte 1-0-6-0; Ridley 4-1-16-0

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 338 for 9 dec (C M Gupte 132, W S Kendall 52; M J Church 4 for 50)

Second Innings

*C M Gupte b Rawnsley	20
I J Sutcliffe c Dawood b Illingworth	78
A N Ridley b Illingworth	14
†J N Batty b Illingworth	46
W S Kendall c Illingworth b Moody	8
H S Malik c Lampitt b Solanki	8
M A Wagh c Church b Illingworth	14
C G R Lightfoot b Illingworth	2
R B Thomson not out	0
D P Mather c Moody b Illingworth	0
S P du Preez not out	1
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (9 wkts)	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-77, 3-147, 4-168, 5-172, 6-181, 7-189, 8-194, 9-194

BOWLING: Newport 6-0-14-0; Preece 6-1-21-0; Rawnsley 16-3-43-1, Illingworth 24-4-75-6, Moody 10-0-34-1, Solanki 3-1-6-1.

Umpires: V A Holder and J Lloyds.

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TENNIS

Kafelnikov holds nerve for first grand-slam title

DAVID MILLER



At the French Open in Paris

THE French Open championships reached a climax yesterday with two of the bravest shots you could ever hope to see. The first was hit by Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the 22-year-old who was about to become the first Russian to win a grand-slam men's single title — and, moreover, to do it in straight sets.

Everybody present on another roasting afternoon at Roland Garros sensed that we were witnessing the emergence of a world No 1. A stir of excitement ran through the crowd, which had been emotionally behind this slim, blond, young man from the Black Sea resort of Sochi since he took the first set.

Kafelnikov, the No 6 seed at present ranked No 7 in the world, had been 5-2 down against Michael Stich in the second set, then a break down in the third, before recovering, only to miss two match points at 5-4. At that moment, he said afterwards, he was gripped by fatigue. "I felt I was never going to make it," he said.

Now he stood 5-3 in the tie-break, with victory in sight. He had led 4-1, but Stich, at last successfully attacking the net, pulled back to 4-3. A deep first service gave Kafelnikov 5-3. On the next point, Stich, all 6ft 4in of him, again raced into the net. Kafelnikov's energy might have been fading fast, but Stich's situation was far the more desperate.

As he advanced, Kafelnikov, who had played with a veteran's maturity from the baseline, reached out for his place in history, never mind that it may be the first of many. With breathtaking accuracy, he struck a backhand top-spin lob over Stich that left the German vainly groping with his racket in empty air. The ball fell some six feet inside the baseline: 6-3, and another three match points.

How the crowd applauded, not least a heavily-built Russian businessman, wearing a thick, charcoal-coloured suit in the second row of the main tribune, who had waved a tiny Russian flag at every change of ends and was now grasping the stick so tightly that his knuckles were white.

The audience was silent and momentarily spellbound, waiting for Stich to serve. All afternoon, he had been taunting Kafelnikov with drop shots and now, after a second service, he hit a stunner — a backhand drop that fell as dead as a letter on the doormat. He was still alive.

Yet here fortune had run dry. On Stich's next service, Kafelnikov struck a fierce forehand return and Stich's low backhand volley, as he came in once more, found the net. Kafelnikov, winning 7-6, 7-5, 7-6, had become the first player since Ken Rosewall in 1968 to win both the French singles and doubles. He had taken the latter on Saturday, with Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic. They beat Guy Forget, of France, and Jakob Hlasek, of Switzerland, in straight sets.

Only five years ago,



Stich: true champion

Kafelnikov was ranked No 450 in the world among the juniors. "I was nobody," he said, still dazed by the impact of his success, searching for words in his more than adequate English. No wonder that Anatoly Lepeshin, his coach, who had taken him in hand 12 years ago with no more evidence than his own conviction, was in tears at the finish.

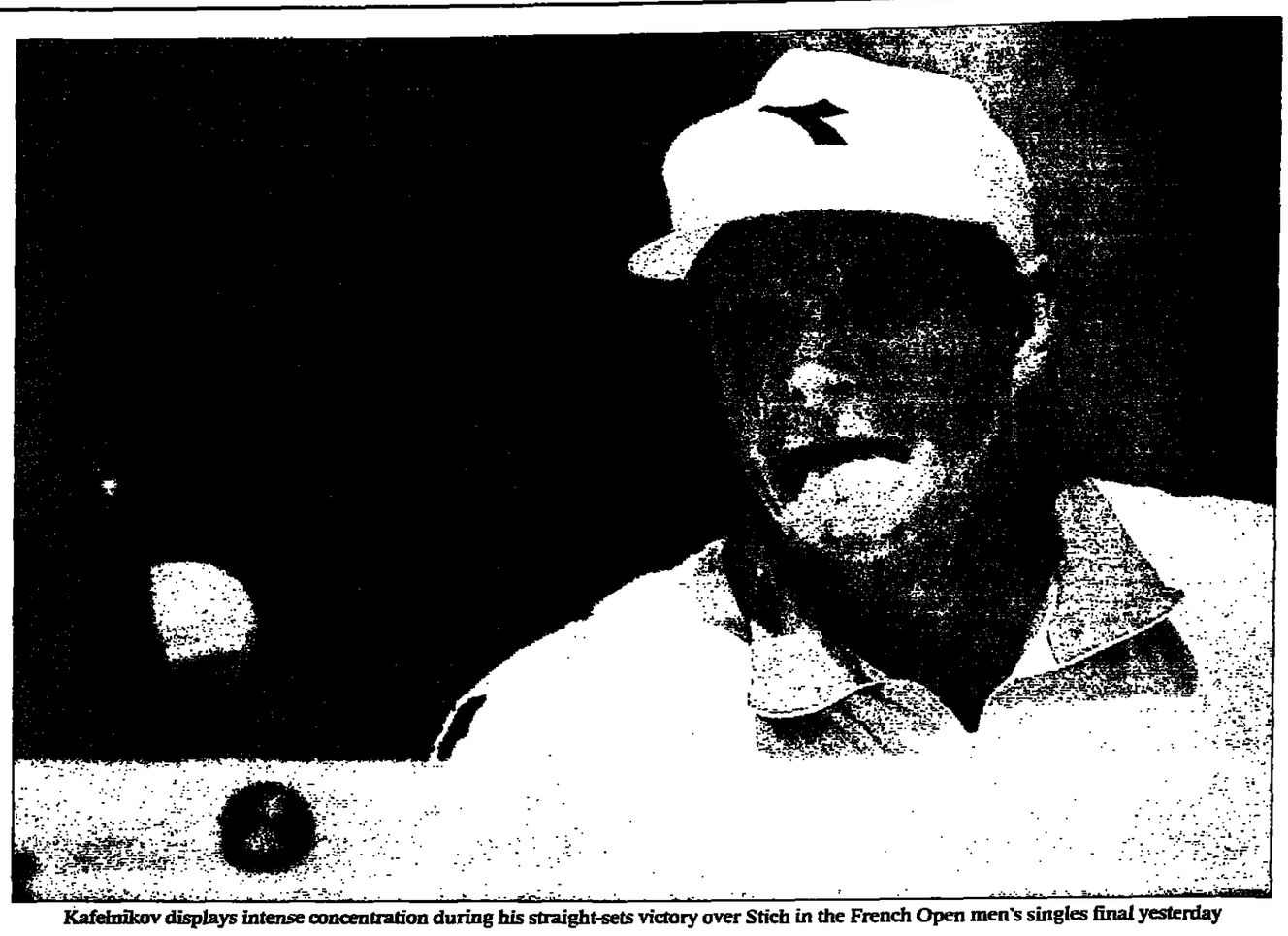
Kafelnikov, the first Russian to make the top ten, has won nine singles titles and, including the rewards from his enthusiastic doubles activity, has already become Russia's youngest sports millionaire.

At the first match point, he said that he was thinking less about victory than keeping his hold on the match; knowing that it might run and run, that Stich's serve-and-volley game might wrest control from him. "Michael was trying to dominate me at the net and I was trying to keep him back," Kafelnikov said. "I think that was the background of my success."

Life on the circuit was only just beginning, he acknowledged. "I'll have to stay more focussed," he said, though he believes that he is mentally much more mature than two years' ago, the reward of playing many more tournaments, including doubles.

Before going to Halle to practise on grass for Wimbledon, he will fly home today to visit his family. The Russian public has mixed emotions about their champion: he is reluctant to give interviews, to discuss his private life. "I am a private person, I don't talk too much," he said. "I want to be the same person even now I have won a grand-slam title".

How close it had been. At 4-3 down in the first set, Kafelnikov had served three double faults, two of them to give Stich points for 5-3. In the tie-break of that set, Stich had saved two set points. When the German had rallied to make it 5-5 in the second set, Kafelnikov had hammered his racket on the ground, luckily receiving no warning. If he had lived dangerously, however, he had also shown the steel of a true champion.



Kafelnikov displays intense concentration during his straight-sets victory over Stich in the French Open men's singles final yesterday

Graf's enduring qualities reach peak

FROM DAVID MILLER

FOR the first time in a fortnight, Steffi Graf had to work hard for her money. And some, as the Americans say. What level of performance might this German woman have achieved in the long term, I wonder, had she been in a more demanding environment than the present women's circuit?

Deprived for three years of the foremost challenge, by the assault on Monica Seles, Graf is in a class of her own. On Saturday, in winning her fifth French Open women's singles, her 26th grand slam final — and with it almost £500,000 — she dropped her first set, and should not even have done that.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the belligerent little Spaniard, ferociously tested not just the range of Graf's technique but the durability of her temperament. Graf's 6-3, 6-7, 10-8 victory, in the longest of French women's singles finals, was a lesson in fortitude by both women. The resistance of Sánchez Vicario was a matter of straightforward sporting courage. There was a deeper side to Graf's survival. Her mind is fraught with anxieties about her father's imprisonment for alleged tax evasion.

Not to have wilted under the intimidation of Sánchez Vicario's relentlessly accurate mortars required a rare kind of spirit in the circumstances. While Graf was the one who was constantly searching for chances to hit winners, and making errors, both women are conspicuous winners by temperament. They stretched a memorable match to 40 games, two more than when Angela Mortimer beat Dorothy Knode in 1955. In the final set, Graf had to fight for every metre she gained and ultimately won only by centimetres.

Sánchez Vicario epitomised two competitive characteristics, one admirable, the other less so. She is an example to every aspiring young tennis player in Britain for her persistence. She will try, on every point, no matter how seemingly impossible her position, to the last gasp. You sense that she will not willingly concede the point while she has breath. Which is where the reservation arises.

To gain breathing time, having just run a hundred metres or so back and forth along the baseline to shovel up those metronomic retrieving



Graf: fifth French title

shots, she will then go for a recovery stroll, whether serving or receiving.

When serving, she will walk all the way to the ball boy to collect balls — usually three, before rejecting one — rather than have them tossed to the serving position on the baseline. When receiving, she repeatedly walks in a slow, wide semi-circle almost back to the stop netting, obliging the frustrated server to wait. She is now ready for another point of 20 or 30 strokes. Almost the strongest quality you need to play her is not patience but tolerance.

All was serenely easy for Graf at the start: she took the first set within 37 minutes, with two breaks and barely a quiver of uncertainty. She was not serving consistently, but had the initiative, and was prepared to stay back, not to be drawn forward prematurely and become a victim of Sánchez Vicario's punishing passing shots.

Although Graf dropped her service twice in the second set, each time she recovered immediately and was poised for victory when leading 4-1 in the tie-break, two first serves of more than 100mph at last finding their mark. Momentarily, her confidence evaporated and she failed to take another point, double-faulting to give Sánchez Vicario a 7-4 game.

The final set may be regarded as one of the best either of them will ever play. Sánchez Vicario broke to lead 3-2, then served for the match unavailingly at 5-4, then a second time at 7-6. It was unbearably tense, though, by now, the crowd was showing undisguised support for Graf.

Once Sánchez Vicario held her service to save the match, but, at 9-8, Graf, having reached deuce with yet another carefully chipped backhand to the baseline, seized her chance on her first match point with a big forehand deep to her opponent's backhand. Maybe the loser should ponder on why the crowd was so happy.

Muster takes over as top seed

THOMAS MUSTER, the former French Open champion, who has never won a tournament on grass, will be the top seed at the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club in London this week. The tournament, which provides the main warm-up for Wimbledon, seeds players based on their world ranking and, in the absence of the world No 1, Pete Sampras, who withrew after losing to Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the French Open semi-finals, Muster, the world No 2, takes over.

He does so despite the fact that his only victory on grass came in a Davis Cup tie against South Africa in February. Indeed, the Austrian has lost in the first round in each of his four visits to Wimbledon and missed the tournament last year, but he is determined to prove himself on grass after winning 16 clay-court titles in the past 2½ years.

Boris Becker is seeded No 2 at Queen's, followed by Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, and Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa.

Jeremy Bates, playing his final year on the professional circuit, won the Euro Wirral International yesterday. Bates, a late entrant into the eight-man singles tournament at West Kirby, played impressive grass-court tennis to beat Jeff Tarango, of the United States, 7-6, 6-1 in the final.

"Winning here was a bonus because it was match practice I was really after," Bates said. The former British No 1, now 33, is anxious to do well in his last Wimbledon later this month.



Wood: welcome victor

Petchey completes rare British double

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE celebrations will have to wait for Mark Petchey and Clare Wood, because the hard work starts now, but when their grass-court seasons finally come to an end, the two Britons will deserve their champagne.

Yesterday, Petchey, ranked No 5 among Britain's men, started his run-up to Wimbledon by winning the Beckenham Open, beating Petr Korda 6-2, 6-4 in just over an hour, becoming the first British man to win a final in Kent since Murray Deloford in 1939. Coming on the back of Wood's victory over Maria Vento on Saturday in the women's event, it was the first domestic double this century.

Both British players had come to Beckenham to get match-practice before the season begins in earnest today. Neither expected to win. Wood having packed only an overnight bag on Tuesday morning. She spent the week calling for clean clothes from home.

Petchey was the fourth Briton in four years to reach the men's final, but the only one who looked likely to win. Against Korda, he had a relatively simple task as the tall Czech was clearly out of sorts. It was Petchey's first victory of any description since 1993, when he took two challenger titles, and although there were no ranking points at stake here, a win is a win after all.

"It was a final and I wanted to win it," he said. "Of course it's different when there are lots of points at stake and it is the next few tournaments that are the key ones. The trick it to play like you do in practice. I hope I can just stay relaxed."

Wood was in a similarly positive vein after disposing of Vento, 6-3, 6-2. "I think I was the more focused," she said. "I couldn't have got the summer off to a better start." The omens are good for Wood; the last British woman to win the title was Ann Jones in 1967 and she went on to reach the Wimbledon final that year.

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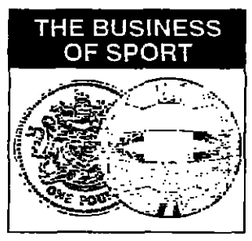
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The only way is up as football clubs explore new potential

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The entrance hall of NatWest Markets, the merchant bank, is one of the most impressive in the City. The bank of escalators rising sharply upwards, the mass of marble and the long NatWest flags hanging down are reminscent of Albert Speer's monuments in Nazi Germany, making the visitor feel somewhat in awe. That is unless you are Sir John Hall, the chairman of Newcastle United, who appears never to be in awe of anyone.

Sir John, though he will not publicly admit it, has been a regular visitor to NatWest Markets to discuss the flotation of Newcastle on the stock market. Though he might have liked to float on the back of winning something, the new television deal with BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, publishers of *The Times*, could give him that boost, as it triples the club's annual income from television. The word in the City is that NatWest believes it can float Newcastle with a price tag of £150 million.

This will make Newcastle the second-largest football club on the stock market and the fifth in all. Manchester United dominate, being valued at £270 million. After that comes Tottenham Hotspur, now valued at £90 million. Chelsea are priced at £69 million and newly-relegated Millwall squeak in at under £10 million.

What about the other clubs? Big names like Liverpool, Arsenal and Rangers lurk outside the quoted sector and, with one or two exceptions, the value of these companies has been soaring in recent months virtually unnoticed because the shares either change hands in bargains arranged by individual stockbrokers or are traded on a tiny exchange called Offex, run by the broker, JP Jenkins.

Last July, Liverpool raised cash from shareholders and issued shares at £550 each. The most recent purchase of these shares, through the City brokers, Credit Lyonnais-Laing, was £2,000 a share. This indicates a value for Liverpool of £63 million.

Just four weeks ago, Aston Villa shares were trading at £405 each. On Friday, a block of 50 changed hands at £613, valuing the club at £46 million. Arsenal and Rangers, both traded on Offex, have soared since the market opened in October. Arsenal shares have doubled to £1,400, valuing the club at more than £80 million, and Rangers from 55p to 170p, making it worth nearly £60 million.

These prices indicate how professional investors are taking notice of football clubs. Further value could be found by following the idea of creating integrated sports clubs — which has been implemented by Newcastle and proposed by Chris Wright for Queens Park Rangers and Wasps — which brings us to the question of the two most interesting deals on the table: Wright considering whether to pay £8 million for Queens Park Rangers and Caspian, a quoted company backed by the Queens Park Rangers chairman, Richard Thompson, paying £10 million to take control of Leeds United. Both these deals look like steals.

There is another bargain — Everton. Last year, when the team narrowly escaped relegation, the club raised cash from its shareholders (largely the chairman, Peter Johnson), at £4,500 a share. Now, having nearly made it into Europe, they stand at £3,500, valuing the club at a paltry £17.5 million. There is talk that Johnson may mop up the minority of Everton shares that he does not own. A few City investors are trying to buy some to cash in on such a move. Whatever, the only way is up.

JASON NISSÉ

Work and play in harmony

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

IT HAS been suggested that school-age amateur sportsmen and women in Great Britain are often at a disadvantage compared with their counterparts in other countries, where more efforts are made to bring education and training facilities together and where sports scholarships, for instance, enable promising performers to have access to the best of both worlds. Too often, the need to travel hundreds of miles to training facilities in Britain severely tests the goodwill and devotion of parents and exhausts the child, whose education may suffer.

Wrekin College, an independent day and boarding school in Wellington, near Telford, in Shropshire, offers girl gymnasts an alternative that has attracted national squad members and hopefuls. While studying at the school, the girls work with Christine Still, a master coach for the British Amateur Gymnastic Association (based at the nearby National Sports Centre at Lilleshall), who is employed for about 14 hours per week at the school as one of a number of sports specialists.

"The scheme started in 1984," Arthur Savage, a senior master, recalled, "when three national squad girls, including Stephanie Micklam, joined as boarders. Christine [whose husband, Colin, was national coach at the time] was Stephanie's personal coach at Lilleshall and she wanted to be at school nearby."

Still coaches girls in the rest of the school as well as national squad members and also runs a club, Park-Wrekin College, which joined with the school to build a palatial sports hall on the campus.

"Tanase [Rivers, aged 13] was a member of the club who did well and wanted to do more, so she now boards at the school." Still said. "Helen [Felton, aged 15, a Great Britain squad member] has moved from Lancashire. Nia Stewart, a member of the Wales Commonwealth Games squad, is a day student, but would like to board. A couple of years ago, we had most of the British team here, so people heard about it and wanted to come.

"It's an independent school, so, in the main, they pay their way, although there are some

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sports scholarships. All the good ones have some help." Thus, instead of dedicated parents driving for hours, they stump up the cash for school fees — but included are four visits per week to Lilleshall.

Is the Wrekin College idea a step in the American direction? "I hope so," Still said, "although it's only available to parents who can find some money. The school would like a benefactor so that they can pay for all of them."

It works. Rebecca Lewis represented Britain, was fourth in the British championships and got ten GCSEs in the same year.

Although one might expect jealousy, the presence of high-powered performers has had a beneficial effect in the rest of the school. "The discipline these girls exhibit gives other students a tremendous model." Phil Berry, the housemaster of three of the girls, said. "A very good hockey player roomed with one of the gymnasts and was telling me how impressed she was with that discipline and what was required to be top in a sport — and her hockey progressed accordingly."

The benefits are two-way. "They get a chance for a social life and company of their own age — not just other gymnasts." Berry said.

Harry Gray, the housemaster of the junior house, pointed out that there were other lessons to be learnt. "Other pupils see them training, but also see the injuries and the knocks — they appreciate the dedication," he said. "Someone like Nia gets tremendous respect and sets a tremendous example: doing hours of training, but also achieving academically."

That comes as no surprise to Savage. "The ones who succeed and maintain their progress are the ones who are organised," he said. "In their work, in their gymnastics and in their lives."

ROLAND LEON



Still, left, encourages Stewart, Felton and Rivers

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GOLF

Allenby holds off late challenge by Montgomerie

BY MEL WEBB

THIS was the golfing catchweight contest to end them all and the good little 'un beat the good big 'un. It was Robert Allenby, wafer-thin Australian, against the field, but most particularly against Colin Montgomerie, considerably slimmer but still substantial Scot, and the thin man prevailed.

Allenby won the Alamo English Open at the Forest of Arden yesterday after a closing 69 put him on 278, ten under par, a shot ahead of Montgomerie and Ross McFarlane. He won the tournament with birdies on the 15th, 16th and 17th holes on this final day: Montgomerie lost it in the dim and distant past of Thursday. Montgomerie was five over par for the first 16 holes on the first day and although he chipped in for an eagle three on the 17th, he still recorded a three-over-par 75 to leave himself in unfamilar territory, sharing 91st place.

Having set the course up like the one he and the 19 other PGA European Tour members will face this week in the US Open at Oakland Hills, Montgomerie was left to swallow a bitter pill that he had himself prescribed when he had five bad lies in the thick collars of rough round the greens in that first round. Every time, he dropped a shot.

What would it need, he was asked, to win from his position? Three 68s, he said, would put him pretty close; three days later, three 68s had done just that. He did not win, but he was assuredly the champion soothsayer of the week — rarely can a sooth have been more accurately said. Indeed, he came within a whisker of putting himself into a play-off and only a bogey four on the 72nd hole, the beautiful but testing par-three that ends the round on the Arden course, denied him.

Again, he was doubly to blame, both in his course set-up philosophy and in the shot he played to get himself out of bother. Again, a clump of turf got in the way of his downswing when he found himself in the thick stuff. Again, he was hardly able to move the ball, this time duffing it no more than eight feet. Again, he failed to get up and down — two putts from 35 feet left him temporarily mortified, but, he claimed, satisfied overall with his performance.

"It's no use complaining," he said. "I was left with a lot to do after the first round and, in the end, it was just too much. I'm still going to Oakland Hills in good form — to go from five over par after 16 holes to ten under after 71 was a good achievement. I must ensure I don't have to play catch-up there. I'm not against the PGA European Tour there, I'm against the world."

Montgomerie's share of second place left him £56,450 richer, which was enough to put him back on familiar ground at the top of the European money-list. "It's nice to be on top again, I suppose, but just at the moment it's no consolation," he said, ruefully.

Meanwhile, Allenby, 24, was grateful, for the £108,330 cheque he tucked into his hip pocket and for the fact that he had moved into seventh place on the order of merit. "To win the English Open is very special and to beat Monty is a great feeling — he's an awesome player," he said, with the enthusiasm of youth. Those three birdies from the 15th, all of them achieved with the assurance of a veteran, were pretty awesome, too.

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Bladon surpasses wildest dreams

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

AN UNUSUAL Amateur Championship ended in glorious sunshine just after teatime on Saturday. It was unusual not because of the venue, which looked magnificent, but because things did not quite turn out as it had been thought they would. The most international Amateur for years, in which 25 of the 64 qualifiers came from 11 countries, concluded with Warren Bladon, from Birmingham, beating Roger Beames, of Wick. That was a surprise, too.

How good is Bladon, a cheerful, quietly-spoken, burly man who embodies many old-fashioned amateur principles? Was he a good county player having the week of his life or had it been decided by those who can determine such things that, at the age of 30, it was time for him to be allowed to take a significant step forward and leave Turnberry a much better golfer than he had arrived?

Bladon was behind for only five of the final's 36 holes, yet one had the feeling that Beames's accuracy and superior technique, which had allowed him to beat two of the best players in the field, in Jody Fanagan and Ivo Giner, would enable him to pull away and become the third Scottish winner in the past five Amateurs. While Beames kept hitting the ball straight from the tee, Bladon missed four fairways in a row and both greens in one spell of six holes in the morning.

However, Bladon displayed a short game that, at times, verged on the magical, continually saving his wayward driving by good chipping and putting. He managed one quite extraordinary shot, hitting out of a gorse bush halfway up the bank topped by the monument on the 12th so that his ball inscribed a parabola back over his head.

On the 12th, before lunch, there came an opportunity to compare their two styles as both drives finished almost side by side in light rough on the right of the fairway. From there, Bladon's weakness exposed itself — from the top of his backswing, he dropped his right shoulder and blocked his ball out to the right. Beames, by contrast, started his ball out to the left of the green and allowed the spin he had put on it to bring it back.

The turning point came on the 13th, after lunch, when Beames lost a ball in the gorse bushes and went one down. Though he squared the match when Bladon's approach to the 16th spun back into Wilson's Burn, Beames was to be denied by the one club that his opponent had wielded brilliantly all week, Bladon sinking a 15-foot putt for a birdie. It gave him the hole, the title and a victory that had not been dreamed of five days before.

Faldo fails to make impression

NICK FALDO began his final preparation for the US Open, which starts on Thursday, with a disappointing display in the closing round of the Buick Classic golf tournament in Westchester, New York, yesterday.

His wish for a hard, fast-running course, similar to the conditions expected at Oakland Hills, was answered when he was given an early warning of the difficulties he will encounter in Detroit. "This has been ideal preparation," he said. "The only thing missing is that I haven't been in the heat of the battle."

Faldohas spent the week trying to repair the damage done to his swing in the high winds during the recent Benson and Hedges international at the Oxfordshire club. He held a two-shot lead with eight holes to play in this tournament a year ago, but is not too concerned at being swept out of contention by a rampant Ernie Els, of South Africa, who, with a tournament-record 13-under-par total of 200, left the Masters champion with a 15-stroke deficit.

Faldo said: "It would have been nice to have had another run at this title, chiefly for the sake of my competitive edge, but I think everything will be okay in time for the US Open."

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Along with Cram and Steve Ovett, Coe proudly flew the flag for Great Britain in the early Eighties

Coe continues to lap up plaudits for masterly run over 800 metres

David Powell considers why, 15 years on, a Briton's best remains unchallenged

From Madrid to Seville, to Rome, to Moscow, to Nuremberg last week, the clock hardly changed. On the professional athletics circuit, the 800 metres came home in around 1min 44sec.

There were splendid races — Roberto Parra's European Cup victory for Spain and Giuseppe D'Urso's in Rome were delivered from behind in the closing strides — but the surface of 1min 43sec has barely been scratched. D'Urso's 1min 43.95sec is the fastest of 1996. Only Wilson Kipketer, a Kenyan-born Dane, has broken 1min 43sec since 1992. After all these years, Sebastian Coe's world record still seems up in the stratosphere.

Today is the fifteenth anniversary of that night in Florence, when Coe recorded 1min 41.73sec. Had Mike Marsh not eased up in his 1992 Olympic semi-final, missing Pietro Mennea's 200 metres world record by 0.01sec, Coe's would be the oldest world record in a championship event. Unlike Mennea's altitude-assisted 19.72sec, set in 1979, nobody has come close to Coe's mark for more than a decade.

Joaquim Cruz, of Brazil, ran 1min 41.77sec in 1984, but, otherwise, no athlete has managed within half a second of Coe's record. "I do not think that, at that time, we thought it would last this long, because records did not seem to last five minutes," Steve Cram, who set three world records in 19 days in 1985, said. "I really do not see anyone right now capable [of beating Coe's record]."

That is an opinion shared by Nico Motchebon, of Germany, who erased Coe's 12-year-old European indoor 800 metres record last year. "Coe's record [outdoors] might last another ten years," Motchebon, the winner in Nuremberg, said last week.

Kipketer has recorded 1min 42.87sec twice, but he has shown a reluctance to stay with pacemakers. In winning in Moscow on Friday, he recorded 1min 44.06sec.

Kipketer said last year that Coe's record was out of his range. "That attitude may be part of the answer because you have to believe you can do it," Coe told *The Times* then.

"It has got to be possible to do two 50-second laps back to back, but people do not go for it nowadays, they are hesitant," Craig Winrow, Great Britain's present No 1, a 1min 45sec runner, said. "They do not commit themselves in the third 200."

In 1984, Cruz missed the record in the third quarter. Coe says that it can fall only to somebody capable of running 45sec for 400 metres, which would rule out Morceli, who appears to lack the speed-endurance.

Coe reached 400 metres in 49.7sec, maintaining speed on the third 200 metres to reach 600 in 1min 15sec — 1min 40sec pace — slowing only in the last 30 metres. In *Training Distance Runners*, a book by Peter Coe, the athlete's father and coach, and David Martin, a physiologist, it is said that the 800 metres is the most unforgiving of all track events.

"It requires a combination of strength, raw speed, anaerobic endurance and split-second judgment to decide when tactics can be invoked to achieve a victory," the book says. "Running all-out for a large part of the distance, trying to remain afloat in a sea of hydrogen ions, is difficult enough without the added requirements of staying alert and thinking clearly."

It is suggested that the percentage ratio of aerobic to anaerobic energy for the first 400 metres is 65-35, or 60-40, and is reversed on the second lap to 35-65 or 40-60.

"For each of these quite different metabolic loads, specialised intensive training must be included," the book says. "Your training for 800 metres racing must permit the development of both strength and endurance in your skeletal muscles, especially your legs. Only a truly total-body conditioning programme [running plus weight-room and circuit training] will provide adequate preparation."

If the talent does not exist in the 800 metres, rather than look for a 1,500 metres runner, such as Morceli, to end Coe's reign, how about looking to the 400 metres? "Michael Johnson is the wrong kind of 400 metres runner," Cram said. "Butch Reynolds is not blessed with the same sort of pace — it may be that he is more suited towards two laps."

While acknowledging the excellence of Coe's record, Cram points to fortune in that the 800 metres has not thrown up a Morceli. Cram's mile world record lasted eight years from 1985. "You could look at my record and say that, if Morceli had not come along, it would still stand," Cram said.

Thankfully, though, Kipketer has yet to display Morceli's fixation for records and Britain's middle-distance citadel of the 1980s is not in ruins entirely.

Triple blow for trials

JONATHAN EDWARDS has withdrawn from the British Olympic trials in Birmingham next weekend, taking a doctor's advice to rest for ten days after bruising a heel and straining a knee (David Powell writes). Steve Backley, the javelin bronze medal-winner at the 1992 Olympic Games, has also pulled out, while Yvonne Murray, the Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, has given up all hope of competing in Atlanta.

Though slightly worrying for Edwards, the triple jump world champion, there is, as yet, no cause for alarm. He was suffering the aches in Rome on Wednesday when he produced a last round jump of 17.55 metres to win a competition that featured the first five at the world championships last year.

SAILING

Ainslie set fair for success in Savannah

BY EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

BEN AINSLIE, who, at 19, is set to become Britain's youngest Olympic yachtsman, underlined his credentials this weekend by winning the Laser European championships in convincing style.

Sailing on the Bay of Quiberon in Brittany against a strong fleet, Ainslie produced four first places, two seconds, one third and one fourth in the nine race series for a total of just 15 points. His worst score — which he was able to discard — was a fifth in the seventh race.

This was a complete performance by Ainslie and the perfect run-in to the Olympic Games in Savannah, Georgia, where he flies tomorrow to begin his final preparations. By the end of the week-long championship, he was well clear of his nearest challengers, Francesco Bruni, of Italy, on 41 points and Stefan Warkalla, of Germany, on 55 points.

If there were doubts about Ainslie's potential, the first five months of this year have dispelled them. Some were worried that he had peaked too soon in his single-minded campaign for gold, but he has managed to sustain a level of consistency that suggests real racing class in varied conditions and big fleets.

He started off the year by winning at St Petersburg, then the pick of the British team at Miami, where he was second. He followed this with a third place in the world championships in Cape Town, a seventh at Spa and now the European title won in the sort of light airs he can expect at Savannah. This last performance will have given him a confidence boost even if several of his top rivals for medals were missing, including the world champion, Robert Scheidt, of Brazil, Hamish Pepper, of New Zealand, and John Harrysson, of Sweden.

Rod Carr, the Britain team manager, is confident his young contender is on course for success at Savannah. "There are only one or two rivals he hasn't beaten in the world this year. He's up there in the top five. At Spa, it was incredibly tight. Ben was seventh, but only six points off the lead," he said.

Closer to home, Robbie Cameron-Davies's IMX 38 *Xnantor* yesterday completed victory in the seven-race IMS national championship by winning IMS class B in the Royal Ocean Racing Club's De Guingand Bowl, which finished in Sandown Bay in a slowly-building southwesterly. Second overall in the championship was Tony Cox and Sarah Jane Cook's *Red Dragon*, with the Bashford 41 *Wolf*, owned by Glynn Williams, third.

In the CHS nationals, the overall winner was the Contessa 32 *Owl*, owned by Peter Bruce.

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IN BRIEF

Induráin in form for Tour

MIGUEL INDURÁIN, of Spain, confirmed his form three weeks before the start of the Tour de France by winning the Criterium du Dauphine cycling race that finished in Grenoble yesterday. Induráin, five times the winner of the Tour, finished the final stage in sixth place, 30sec behind Luc Leblanc, of France, to ensure his second victory in the event.

☐ **ICE HOCKEY:** Colorado Avalanche moved to within one win of their first Stanley Cup with a 3-2 victory over Florida Panthers in Miami on Saturday. Colorado lead the best-of-seven series 3-0: the fourth game is tonight.

☐ **GOLF:** Alison Nicholas, of Great Britain, was three shots behind Tracy Hanson, of the United States, the leader, who returned a 63, after a third round of 71, one under par, in the Oldsmobile Classic at East Lansing, Michigan.

☐ **POLO:** Kerry Packer's Ellerston White beat Joe Gottschalk's Les Lions 12-11 for the Argentine Ambassador's Cup at Cowdray Park yesterday.

☐ **MOTORCYCLING:** Michael Doohan, of Australia, the world 500cc champion, won his fifth consecutive French Grand Prix at Le Castellet yesterday.

RUGBY LEAGUE: ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO ARMS PARK TRIAL

South Wales set for Super League

Sheffield Eagles 32
St Helens 43

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SOUTH Wales has a nervous wait until the Rugby League Council meets in four weeks to consider its application for membership of the Stones Super League from next season. In a prelude to that decision, the Super League dipped a toe in the River Taff on Saturday night. The response to Sheffield's enterprise in taking their home fixture to Cardiff Arms Park was a reasonably encouraging one: about two-thirds of the 6,078 crowd was local.

Wales's European championship match against England at the same venue on June 26 will give the application another timely boost. Indeed, the future of the national team has been bound up by Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, with the "fast track" promotion from the second division of his South Wales outfit to the elite competition.

Cardiff rugby union club, which envisages a year-round operation of both codes and players possibly swapping between the two, put on its best bib and tucker. The days when a league club director got caught at a Welsh club on a scouting mission and was thrown into the sea are firmly in the past.

Rodney Walker, the Rugby Football League chairman, confined his thoughts afterwards to an attendance that Sheffield would probably not have matched at the Don Valley Stadium, but, after a canvas of clubs, all the signs are that South Wales can expect a positive response on July 3.

Sheffield's boldness in moving their fixture 200 miles went unrewarded on the pitch. As newcomers themselves 12 years ago, Gary Hetherington, the Sheffield coach and chief executive, knows what can be achieved. "Not only have South Wales got all the potential for rugby league, development here is a natural progression for the game," he said.

St Helens have reached the halfway point of the season out in front and still unbeaten. Like Wigan, they are ripe with attacking potential; unlike Wigan, they do drop off for long periods. Steve Prescott, called into England's side yesterday at full back, in place of the injured Kris Radlinski of Wigan, for the France match at Gateshead on Wednesday, landed seven goals in deputising for Bobbie Goulding. Nor did St Helens want for orchestration at scrum half through John McAtee.

Suitably, a couple of Wales internationals scored tries — Sullivan got two and Cunningham another — but by far the most impressive contribution was that in the centre of the rejuvenated Alan Hunte, who rose to his task superbly with two touchdowns.

SCORERS: Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Senior, Dixon, Sovatabua, Hughes, Crowther. Goals: Aston (6). St Helens: Tries: Hunte (2), Sullivan (2), Cunningham, Newlove, Hammond. Goals: Prescott (7). Dropped goal: Hammond.

SHEFFIELD EAGLES: W Sovatabua; B Sodje, D Ginnley, K Senior, J-M Garcia, M Crowther, M Aston, P Broadbent, J Lawless, D McAllister. I Hughes, A Hay, A Farrell. Substitutes: R Price, D Turner, P Dixon, M Cook

ST HELENS: S Prescott; D Arnold, A Hunte, P Newlove, A Sullivan; K Hammond, J McAtee. A Perelini, K Cunningham. A Fogerty, S Booth, I Pickavance, C Joynt. Substitutes: A Hargh, V Matautia, C Morley. Referee: D Campbell (Widnes)

Leeds dominate basement battle

LEEDS, trailing 8-0 inside 13 minutes, came back strongly to win the Stones Super League meeting of the bottom teams 48-18 at Workington Town yesterday. Workington were unable to build on the tonic of a first-minute try from Mark Johnson after Marvin Golden had spilt a high kick from Wayne Kitchin.

A conversion and penalty from Kitchin extended their lead, but, after Kevin Iro had set up Tony Kemp with the first of his two tries in the fifteenth minute, Leeds always looked likely to take control. Graham Holroyd converted Iro's try and finished the game with a 100 per cent record from eight kicks.

Holroyd put Leeds ahead after 25 minutes when he raced into a gap created by Kemp to touch down. Kemp, given acres of space by a hesitant Workington defence, went over for his second try four minutes from half-time and Holroyd's conversion gave the visitors an 18-8 interval advantage.

Within five minutes of the restart, Leeds had increased their lead through Golden, but Workington were offered hope when Lee Chilton went over in the corner.

Tries by Adrian Morley and Gary Mercer, both made by Kemp, increased Leeds's lead, but Workington, playing with great heart, scored a third try after 61 minutes through Lafaele Filipo. Leeds scored two more tries, through Holroyd and Dean Clark, and, between those, Brad Nairn, the Workington loose forward, was sent off for dissent.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Stark ends long wait as challengers falter

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

IAN STARK, whose inclusion in Britain's Olympic Games eventing squad is expected to be announced today, gained his first three-day event success since 1991 when he and Forest Glen won the Bramham international horse trials in a surprise finish to the competition yesterday.

Pierre De Bastard, of France, who had led the competition from the start on Tresor du Cochet, succumbed to the pressure of going last in the tense, final showjumping phase and had three fences down, dropping to second place. Leslie Law, of Britain, moved up to third on Cruiseway.

Stark, 42, who won the event for three successive years from 1983, had been lying fifth at the start of the showjumping. "I didn't think I had any chance of winning," he said. Forest Glen, whom he took carefully round Saturday's cross-country in order to avoid a repeat of last year, when he incurred 20 penalties, felt "flat" when jumping the practice fence yesterday. Once in the showjumping ring, he responded to Stark's determined riding to produce the only clear round in the top nine.

Stark then watched as, unusually, the leading four riders all made mistakes. Law, also a leading Olympic contender, incurred five penalties at the planks, Christopher Bartle, lying third after a superb cross-country round on Word Perfect, hit the second and ninth fences. Sarah Longshaw, on Ballycotton, in second place, faulted at the same two fences.

When De Bastard incurred his untypical 15 penalties, Stark was the first to sympathise. He had been in the same position at Badminton last month on Stanwick Ghost and dropped to sixth place after the showjumping.

BALLROOM DANCING

Cutlers claim starring role

MATTHEW and Nicole Cutler, from Southend-on-Sea, maintained their dominance on England's Latin American dance scene with their victory in the leading event at the Stars of the Future competition at Brentwood, Essex (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The Cutlers, winners of the British amateur Latin championship the week before, looked set to remain at the top of the amateur dance charts this year, so retaining the right to represent England in competitions worldwide.

With nearly 600 entries, Stars of the Future is intended to highlight those couples capable of emerging into the higher ranks.

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RACING: HAGGAS-TRAINED COLT OVERCOMES INEXPERIENCE TO WIN DERBY

Shaamit's pace quickens pulse

By Julian Muscat

THE 1996 Vodafone Derby signposted the changing times that have now permeated this historic horse race. Like a mirror image of society, new philosophies have been spawned and must be integrated into the occasion. Saturday's renewal suggested that horsemen, too, require a fresh perspective on how best to tackle Epsom's unique test.

As the William Haggas-trained Shaamit conjured a scintillating turn of speed, he became the third consecutive winner to come from well off the pace. It wasn't quite the spectacular late charge summoned by Lammtarra and Erhaab before him. But Shaamit, a remarkably nimble colt for one of his scope and substance, raced outside the first ten as the field completed its perilous descent from Tattenham Corner.



Shaamit, ridden by Hills, storms clear in the Vodafone Derby at Epsom on Saturday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

BIG-RACE RESULT

2.25 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £523,100: 1m 4f 10yd)

SHAAMIT b c Mtoto - Shomoose (K Dasmal) 9-0 M Hills (12-1) 1.

Dushyantor b c Sadler's Wells - Slightly Dangerous (K Abdulla) 9-0 Pat Eddery (9-2 fav) 2

Shantou b c Alleged - Shaima (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 L Dettori (25-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Even Top (13th), 6 Glory Of Dancer (4th), 15-2 Alhaarth (5th), Storm Trooper (15th), 14 Mystic Knight (9th), 15 Chief Contender (9th), 16 Double Leaf (10th), 20 St Mawes (17th), 25 Busy Flight (18th), Jack Jennings (7th), 100 Prince Of My Heart (19th), 150 Zalorum (16th), 200 Achamie (8th), Classic Eagle (11th), Spartan Heartbeat (14th), Tasdid (12th), 500 Portuguese Lil (20th) 20 ran. NR: Clever Cliche. 1¼l, 1¼l, 1l, hd, 1¼l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £16.60; £4.90, £2.80, £4.60. DF: £36.50. Trio: £313.50. CSF: £57.00.

ition that the Derby's early exchanges now resemble opening day at the Harrods' sale. Glory Of Dancer's speed won him the favoured inside berth. Yet he paid a heavy price, his lungs bursting deep into the closing stretch.

One must question whether any horse can sustain such a gallop over 12 furlongs. Certainly the victories of Erhaab and Lammtarra owed much to the leaders faltering on reaching the straight, and Shaamit, himself squeezed out in the early rush, almost certainly benefited from being held up.

Pat Eddery and Dushyantor were not so fortunate. Like Shaamit, Dushyantor was squeezed out early; unlike Michael Hills, Eddery was unwilling to play with the cards fate dealt him. So started the tribulations of the 9-2 favourite, who never then raced on an even keel. On the undulations of Epsom, such tactics court disaster. It was not long in coming.

Eddery was momentarily checked at halfway, when Philip Robinson, sensing an opportunity to claim the inside rail aboard Even Top, cut across Dushyantor's path. As Eddery tried to adjust, the weakening Busy Flight hampered Even Top and initiated the sort of buffeting experienced by those at the dodgem car ride in the Epsom infield. Dushyantor and Shantou got the worst of it. Shaamit, too, suffered a hefty bump.

There was to be a final denouement in the straight, when Eddery sought the daylight he had for so long been denied. In launching his rapier-like thrust, Shaamit slightly brushed Prince Of My Heart, who, in edging left, tightened the gap Dushyantor sought between that colt and Tasdid.

Dushyantor's relentless, if laboured, progress down the home straight illustrated just why Eddery was so intent on securing a prominent early position. In the genetic equation, the colt is long on stamina and short of classic speed. Yet for all his misfortune, a fundamental difference between the progress of Dushyantor and Shaamit was clearly evident. As the favourite rocked like a swaying tree, Shaamit travelled sweetly, always ready to accelerate away from trouble.

This distilled quality is what wins Derbys. It is what differentiates Epsom from the flat surface over which Dushyantor might have overcome his lack of basic speed. And Hills summed it up succinctly in the aftermath. "There was a lot of bumping and boring," he said, "but Shaamit was travelling so well I was able to keep my position. He glided around Tattenham Corner."

Shaamit undoubtedly possesses an immense talent. This was only his third start and, as with Lammtarra 12 months ago, his first of the season. It will be a surprise if he fails to endorse his superiority over the classic generation.

Shaamit is probably the product of a mating between horses owned by close friends. Khalifa Dasmal, who bred Shaamit from his mare, Shomoose, is well acquainted with Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum, who raced Mtoto, Shaamit's sire. It may sound a touch romantic, but the Derby has been short of romance in recent years. If this was a forecaste of the future, the great race is in safe hands.

Epsom weighs evidence as Derby debate gathers pace

RICHARD EVANS



Racing Correspondent

After a slow slide from grace, which saw the Derby heading for the doldrums, a fairytale finish, involving the most unlikely cast of characters, could spell the start of a new beginning for Epsom.

As Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Vodafone, correctly highlighted during the presentation ceremony, when a smallish trainer like William Haggas can send out the Derby winner all should rejoice "because this is the romance of racing."

Add to that the magical Piggott factor, a joyous owner from Dubai, who gave Sheikh Mohammed and his brothers a pertinent lesson in how to celebrate a classic winner, and it was an outcome which matched the wildest dreams of the Epsom executive.

Indeed, as Christopher Spence, David Hillyard and Sue Ellen gathered yesterday in the Queen's Stand to chew over the events of the previous day the Epsom triumvirate, which is ultimately responsible for making the Derby tick, had good cause to celebrate.

Despite the Euro 96 frenzy, the crowd was up by 3.6 per cent, and the Downs was busy, if not buzzing. Unlike 12 months earlier, there was an atmosphere about the place.

However, as the trio starts to consult widely before deciding after Royal Ascot if the Saturday experiment should continue, they are aware there is another side to the story, which makes their decision so difficult.

A survey conducted yesterday among trainers who had a Derby runner showed a vast majority favouring a return to Wednesday and it was Haggas who summed up their case. "The country should stop for the Derby, just like for Australia's Melbourne Cup, which is run on a Tuesday and everything closes down for the race. I'm not saying this because I won it, but nearly every front page had a picture of Alan Shearer but not Shaamit."

The bookmakers, who were the fiercest advocates of a switch to Saturday, also want a return to Wednesday. Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes, whose company saw betting turnover on the race fall by 20 per cent, said: "We put a lot of resources behind the Derby but, quite simply, it was at the wrong time on the wrong day. The Derby struggles when it is up against other sporting events whose profile is higher. We were advocates of Saturday but, with the great benefit of hindsight, we have to hold our hands up and say it didn't work."

The view that by staging the Derby on Saturday it loses its identity and just becomes another sporting event is underlined by national newspaper coverage. Rather than forcing its way onto front and back pages, the Derby was largely confined to the racing pages. On Saturday morning, the world's most famous classic was the fourth item on a radio sports bulletin, behind football, cricket and rugby.

The Queen Mother, as well as the Queen, would like the race restored to its own special midweek slot and then there is the view of Vodafone, which given its financial imput, probably matters as much as any. When I spoke to Sir Ernest Harrison at the Craven meeting, he was adamant the Derby must return to a Wednesday.

And yet, if the race is returned to a Wednesday, when it will face no competition from other sporting events, will the Derby be a success? It will receive more prominent coverage in the media but column inches in newspapers and television footage alone do not equate to success.

The perception of success hinges largely on attracting 55,000 to 60,000 to Epsom. Traditionalists tend to forget Wednesday crowds were in decline before the switch to Saturday last year, and there is no reason to believe that trend could be reversed — far from it.

Interestingly, market research conducted by the Oxford Partnership among Derby Day racegoers showed a majority — 55 per cent — in favour of the switch to a Saturday.

As the debate over when to run the Derby reaches a climax, there is one factor which could prove influential — and that is which television company wins the right to screen the race. Channel 4, whose coverage on Saturday fell well below its normal high standards, sees its present contract end this year.

If the BBC won the right to broadcast the Derby and did a Grand National style Grandstand from Epsom on a Saturday it could help to elevate the race to its rightful place in the nation's sporting calendar. Television increasingly sets the sports agenda and a mainstream channel like the BBC could help to "make" the Derby, unlike a minority channel such as Channel 4.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.30 Fresh Look — 4.00 JARAH (nap)
3.00 Cadeaux Cher — 4.30 Bubble Wings
3.30 Malteamia — 5.00 Mim-Lou-And

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Jarah.

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2.30 MILES 33 20TH ANNIVERSARY APPRENTICES LIMITED STAKES
(£3,351: 1m 1f 213yd) (20 runners)

101	(19)	305-012	ALABANG 7 (BF,F) (H Roberts) M Camacho 5-8-5		A Whelan	(5)
102	(10)	034280-	BRONZE RUNNER 289 (B,CD,F) (A Stroud) E Wheeler 12-9-3		A Daly (3)	77
103	(8)	3000/00-	CHEFTAIN'S CROWN 23J (Miss J Rumford) Miss K George 5-9-3		C Carver (7)	–
104	(11)	060-025	GREEK GOLD 11 (D,S) (Mrs A Harker) W Barker 7-9-3		J Brannifil (5)	79
105	(2)	000-000	RANGER SLOANE 35 (S Fierro) G Fierro 4-9-3		J Dennis (5)	71
106	(6)	00/015-0	RING OF VISION 34 (D,F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-3		G Faulkner (5)	78
107	(16)	004530	ZAALEFF 16 (B) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 4-9-3		J Stack	85
108	(15)	010000	DANCE OF JOY 21 (S) (Mrs T Carr) J Carr 4-9-2		M Davies (7)	85
109	(20)	36-0000	BURNT SIENNA 7 (F) (B & E Bloodstock) J Moore 4-9-0		Aimee Cook (5)	'86
110	(9)	600016-	COVEN MOON 209 (CD,F) (Mrs S Pepper) D Morris 6-9-0		R Mullen (5)	73
111	(1)	0000-00	FRESH LOOK 17 (B,G) (R Spicer) R Spicer 4-9-0		Martin Dwyer (5)	85
112	(4)	3-00304	HARRY'S TREAT 22 (H Steckles) J Eyre 4-9-0		S Drowne	93
113	(12)	5310-00	INDIAN RHAPSODY 16 (F,G,S) (G Ashton) A Bailey 4-9-0		Angela Gallimore (5)	83
114	(3)	020003	JALMAID 14 (G) (Bressco) B McMahon 4-9-0		L Newton (3)	91
115	(13)	00-650	DAUPHIN 83 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-8-4		J Williamson (5)	97
116	(18)	404-000	LAUGHING BUCCANEER 25 (P Oram) A Foster 3-8-4		Dane O'Neill	90
117	(17)	03-0265	OMGANG 18 (Marquess De Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 3-8-4		C Teague	90
118	(5)	0000-2	SPA LANE 17 (R Roberts) P Makin 3-8-4		R Havlin (3)	83
119	(14)	663402	RADMORE BRANDY 16 (J Salter) N Littmoden 3-8-1		C Adamson (5)	84
120	(7)	00-00	THE JOLLY BARMAID 28 (J Woolford) P Calver 3-8-1		N Varley	83

BETTING: 5-1 Spa Lane, 7-1 Alabang, Harry's Treat, 10-1 Radmore Brandy, Laughing Buccaneer, Ring of Vision, Indian Rhapsody.

1995: VINDALOO 3-8-9 P Fessey (5-1) J L Harris 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALABANG 2¼l 2nd of 9 to Three Arch Bridge in handicap at Hamilton (7f 1l, good). GREEK GOLD 6l 2nd of 11 to Noble Casanba in selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f) on penultimate start. ZAALEFF 5½l 3rd of 15 to It's'nebusiness in handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. HARRY'S TREAT about 6l 4th of 20 to Cicerone in seller at Ripon (1m, good). JALMAID 2l and head 3rd of 12 to Phalmist in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). OMGANG 6½l 5th of 18 to Wirtgen in handicap at Newcastle (1m, good). RADMORE BRANDY neck 2nd of 9 to City Baby in claimer at Warwick (1m 3f, good). Selection: ZAALEFF

3.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,753: 5f 13yd) (8 runners)

201	(7)	45	BOLD CATCH 25 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-0		K Darley	(5)
202	(1)	0	CADEAUX CHER 44 (N Browne) B Hills 9-0		M Hills	85
203	(6)	230	CASTLE ASHBY JACK 7 (B) (Mrs C Linfin) P Howling 9-0		F Norton	87
204	(4)		GEORDIE LAD (Miller Place Partners) J Bennett 9-0		T Quinn	–
205	(5)	3	JUST NICK 41 (D Clarke) M McCormack 9-0		J Reid	93
206	(2)		SUITE FACTORS (K Beecroft) J Glover 9-0		S D Williams	–
207	(3)		COCOLOBA (M Lawrence) P Evans 8-9		S Drowne (3)	–
208	(8)		STEP N GO (Lord Petersham) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9		W Woods	–

BETTING: 5-2 Just Nick, 11-4 Step N Go, 3-1 Bold Catch, 4-1 Cadeaux Cher, 10-1 Castle Ashby Jack, 14-1 Cocoloba, 16-1 others.

1995: RAMBO DELIGHT 9-0 R Lappin (11-2) J Eyre 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD CATCH 4¼l 4th of 10 to Arethusa in maiden at Kempton (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CADEAUX CHER 9½l 7th of 9 to Roman Imp in maiden at Sandown (5f, good). CASTLE ASHBY JACK 5½l 3rd of 6 to Saunders Wren in maiden at Windsor (5f, good) on penultimate start. JUST NICK 4½l 3rd of 8 to Petham in auction maiden at Bath (5f, good). COCOLOBA (soaled Apr 30) Second foal by Distinctly North, half-sister to Blue Flyer, fairly useful dual 1m winner at three years, dam placed over sprint distances. STEP N GO (May 15). First foal by Azzo, dam 1m winner in France. Selection: BOLD CATCH

3.30 SUN CHEMICAL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,813: 5f 13yd) (9 runners)

301	(9)	32230-6	COMIC FANTASY 53 (B,D,F) (C Clark) M Ware 9-7		J Reid	98
302	(6)	4136-60	RUSHCUTTER BAY 9 (D,G) (Treasure Seekers) T Clement 9-6		J Stack (3)	89
303	(2)	31-0405	POLLY GOLIGHTLY 7 (D,F,S) (D Sykes) M Blanshard 9-6		K Darley	92
304	(3)	51-4000	JOHAYRO 47 (V,D,F) (F Brady) W G M Turner 8-11		T Sprake	95
305	(7)	201121	MAITEAMIA 10 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 8-9		C Teague (3)	96
306	(1)	0-30554	PLEASURE TIME 10 (D,F) (Temple Brians) C Smith 8-7		A Clark	(5)
307	(5)	0-01104	CHEMCAST 7 (D,F,S) (B Cassidy) D Nicholls 8-7		J Bramhill (7)	95
308	(4)	063600	GAGAJULU 37 (CD,F,S) (R Mason) P Evans 8-6		S Drowne (3)	95
309	(8)	641-514	KINGS HARMONY 17 (F,G) (Ten Of Hearts) P Makin 8-5		L Dettori	95

BETTING: 3-1 Malteamia, 4-1 Rushcutter Bay, Chemcast, Pleasure Time, 5-1 Kings Harmony, 12-1 Johayro, Polly Goligthly, 14-1 others

1995: SUPREME MISSION 8-7 A Culhane (5-2) R Whitaker 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMIC FANTASY about 9l 6th of 10 to Lago Di Varano in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to firm). RUSHCUTTER BAY 2¼l 7th of 13 to Alzaf in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). POLLY GOLIGHTLY 7¼l 5th of 9 to My Cadeaux in conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm). MAITEAMIA beat Goretski short-head in 8-runner handicap at Catterick (5f, good) with PLEASURE TIME (5th better off) 2¼l 4th. CHEMCAST about 2¼l 4th of 8 to Able Sheriff in handicap at Thirsk (5f, firm). KINGS HARMONY beat Ciserano ½l in 6-runner conditions race at Brighton (6f, firm). Selection: RUSHCUTTER BAY

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,301: 1m 54yd) (9 runners)

401	(6)	10131-5	RESTRUCTURE 54 (D,F,G) (M Myers) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-0		Paul Eddery	(5)
402	(4)		12- LEONATO 334 (D) (C Boutin) P Evans 4-9-4		T Ives	–
403	(5)	224334-	LOWER EGYPT 292 (D,G) (H Al Maktoum) W Harn 5-9-4		R Hills	–
404	(1)	11055-1	OPTIONS OPEN 17 (D,F,G) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-4		W Woods	90
405	(9)	1620-43	KUANTAN 13 (F) (Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 3-9-0		T Quinn	95
406	(2)	15	GOLDEN ACE 13 (D,S) (S Tee) R Hannon 3-8-10		Dane O'Neill	91
407	(6)	13-	JARAH 300 (F) (H Al Maktoum) S bin Suroor 3-8-10		L Dettori	89
408	(7)	21	KELTOI 24 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-10		K Darley	88
409	(3)	21	POLINESSO 61 (D,6) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-10		M Hills	80

BETTING: 7-2 Jarah, 9-2 Leonato, 5-1 Restructure, Kuantan, 6-1 Options Open, 7-1 Golden Ace, 8-1 Lower Egypt, 10-1 others.

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RESTRUCTURE about 4¼l 5th of 9 to Luso in group III Earl Of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm). LEONATO neck 2nd of 8 to Parlait Chick in conditions race at Ripon (1m 2f, good). OPTIONS OPEN beat Bramble's Way 4l in 9-runner claimer at Pontefract (1m, good). KUANTAN neck and 1¼l 3rd of 5 to Abeyr in conditions race at Leicester (7f, good to soft) with GOLDEN ACE 4l and neck 5th. GOLDEN ACE beat Forza Figlio ½l in 14-runner maiden at Newbury (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. JARAH 4l 3rd of 6 to Bijour D'Inde in conditions race at York (7f, good to firm). Selection: JARAH (nap)

4.30 HARLAND SIMON FILLIES HANDICAP
(£4,013: 1m 54yd) (10 runners)

501	(9)	122635	QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS 9 (D,BF,6,5) (J Amou) R Boss 5-9-11		G Faulkner (7)	96
502	(8)	352-6	THREESOME 54 (Filbocks Stud) L Cumani 3-9-2		L Dettori	88
503	(5)	064-	HIGH NOTE 245 (The Queen) R Charlton 3-9-1		K Darley	90
504	(3)	1-521	BUBBLE WINGS 11 (D,G) (F Chai) S Woods 4-8-13		W Woods	95
505	(4)	3-23232	GOLDEN POND 9 (F) (J Horgan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-12		J Reid	96
506	(6)	153-005	JUST MILLIE 7 (F) (E Carter) J Banks 3-8-10		J Stack (3)	88
507	(10)	551020-	RACING BRENDA 245 (CD,F,S) (G Whitaker) B Morgan 5-8-8		G Carter	85
508	(7)	4024-01	DARCEY BUSSELL 8 (S) (W Gredley) B Hills 4-8-7		M Hills	85
509	(1)	0100-00	FERVENT FAN 17 (F) (W Palen-Smith) M Bell 3-8-5		M Fenton	88
510	(2)	113236	MY GALLERY 5 (G,S) (R Cox) A Bailey 5-8-6		Angela Gallimore (7)	83

BETTING: 7-2 Darcey Bussell, Golden Pond, 4-1 Just Millie, 9-2 High Note, 6-1 Bubble Wings, Queen Of All Birds, 7-1 My Gallery, 10-1 others.

1995: SECOND COLOURS 5-9-6 K Darley (5-1) Mrs M Reveley 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUEEN OF ALL BIRDS about 4l 5th of 16 to Sallan in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). THREESOME about 22½l 6th of 7 to Cheerful Aspect in conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good). HIGH NOTE about 2½l 4th of 18 to Fairlight Down in maiden at Leicester (7f, good). BUBBLE WINGS beat Rocky Waters 1l in 15-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, good). GOLDEN POND 2½l 2nd of 12 to Abnushtarak in handicap at Kempton (7f, good to firm). JUST MILLIE 2¼l 5th of 6 to Alsmeh in conditions race at Thirsk (7f, firm). DARCEY BUSSELL beat Mets Baby 1l in 10-runner conditions race at Catterick (7f, good). Selection: GOLDEN POND

5.00 USHER WALKER HANDICAP (£3,283: 1m 6f 15yd) (14 runners)

601	(7)	400034-	QUEST AGAIN 217 (F) (Miss P Decker) D Arbuthnot 5-9-13		T Quinn	90
602	(2)	501004	IOTA 30 (CD,F,6,5) (Lavender Hill) J L Harris 7-9-1		Paul Eddery	87
603	(5)	413-044	VAIN PRINCE 14 (B,CD,F,G,S) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 9-9-1		L Charnock	83
604	(3)	5/000-20	FAST FORWARD FRED 12 (BF) (G Pickard) L Montague Hall 5-9-0		R Hills	91
605	(8)	1604/5	BLAZON OF TROY 16 (F) (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 7-9-0		Aimee Cook (7)	–
606	(1)	350-1	DOUBLE AGENT 3 (D,G) (R Huggins) M Johnston 3-9-0 (4ex)		J Weaver	(5)
607	(13)	60510-5	SALSKA 3 (D,G) (P Clarkson) A Streeter 5-8-9		L Newton (5)	92
608	(10)	0050	SEVENTH EDITION 7 (Bedlinog Racing) D Burchell 3-8-9		S D Williams	88
609	(9)	380234-	MIM-LOU-ANO 19J (J Martin) Miss H Knight 4-8-7		G Faulkner (7)	90
610	(6)	0400-13	CAMPASPE 11 (F) (J Fitzgerald) J Fitzgerald 4-8-6		J Fanning	93
611	(14)	0500-15	PERSIAN SMOKE 24 (D,F) (Mrs A Norzaad) A Hide 5-8-6		Martin Dwyer (5)	93
612	(12)	23/63-00	FULL QUIVER 7 (V,CD,F) (R Parker) Mrs B Waring 11-8-6		S Drowne (3)	88
613	(11)	000/024	GREYSTYLE 14 (V) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-7-13		G Carter	92
614	(4)	4-00000	GOOD SO FA 6 (H,G) (Mrs J Williams) C Allen 4-7-10		M Baird (5)	86

BETTING: 9-2 Fast Forward Fred, 5-1 Iota, Vain Prince, 6-1 Blazon of Troy, 7-1 Mim-Lou-And, 8-1 Campaspe, Persian Smoke, 10-1 others.

1995: ARC BRIGHT 5-7-7 M Henry (11-1) R Hollinshead 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUEST AGAIN about 10½l 4th of 18 to Ayunli in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). IOTA 9l 4th of 7 to Well Arranged in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 7f). VAIN PRINCE about 2½l 4th of 10 to Arian Spirit in handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm). FAST FORWARD FRED 11 2nd of 13 to Ashby Hill in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. DOUBLE AGENT beat Flocheck 3l in 9-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good). SEVENTH EDITION 14½l 5th of 12 to Alzaas in maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start. CAMPASPE beat Foczar 1½l in 10-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PERSIAN SMOKE beat Lookits 5l in 12-runner handicap at Carlisle (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. Selection: DOUBLE AGENT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	8	32	25.0	L Dettori	23	131	17.6
A Hide	3	13	23.1	A Whelan	3	17	17.6
M Ware	3	14	21.4	T Quinn	16	96	16.7
P Cole	13	64	20.3	T Sprake	9	56	16.1
J Banks	3	15	20.0	R Hills	11	75	14.7
B Hills	7	36	19.4	Paul Eddery	12	88	13.5

Smart lands first classic with Sil Sila

SIL SILA, easily the best horse in Bryan Smart's small Lambourn stable, defied odds of nearly 30-1 to beat Miss Tahiti by a length in the £184,000 Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly yesterday.

The filly, Smart's first classic winner, had been aimed at the race since her third to Bosra Sham in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury in April.

Cash Asmussen, a late replacement on Sil Sila for the injured Ray Cochrane, had only one behind him turning for home but conjured a strong run out of the filly to lead in the last 50 yards.

Asmussen said: "I called Ray [Cochrane] up yesterday and asked him how to ride this filly. He told me not to worry if she was out the back for most of the way. She came through real smooth though when I asked her."

Smart, whose six domestic winners this year have all come on the all-weather tracks, said: "This is a dream come true. A couple of years ago I only had two horses."

Of the other British challengers, the Ben Hanbury-trained Matiya finished two and a half lengths back in third, while Solar Crystal, trained by Henry Cecil, never really threatened and came home eighth of the 12 starters.

Willie Carson, who rode Matiya, reported that the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner seemed not to stay.

CHANTILLY DETAILS

Going: good

2.25 PRIX DE DIANE HERMES (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £184,453: 1m 2f 110yd)

1, SIL SILA (C Asmussen): 2, Miss Tahiti (O Peslier); 3, Matiya (W Carson). ALSO RAN: Awenting (4th), Wedding Gift (5th), Khalisa (6th), Luna Wells (7th), Solar Crystal (8th), A Votre Sante (9th), Whenby (10th), Maiana Mou (11th), Restless Mood, 12 ran. 1l, 2½l, hd, 1¼l, ¾l, ½l. B Smart at Lambourn. Pari-Mutuel (including 1fr stake): 30 60; 7 30, 2 50, 3 50. DF 124.70. 2min 07 3sec

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JARAH (4.00 Nottingham)
Next best: Crazy Chief (8.30 Windsor)

Richard Evans was in top form at Epsom yesterday, landing his nap, To The Roof (6-1), and coupling it with Supercal (2-1) for a 20-1 double.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Class Distinction. 3.15 North Ardar. 3.45 Halmanerror. 4.15 Ever So Lyrical. 4.45 Alpine Time. 5.15 Seattle Alley.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 PERCY PARROT.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.45 JUNE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,780: 5f) (16 runners)

1	(1)	003	ANTARES 7 N Tinkler 8-8		Kim Tinkler	78
2	(4)		BURKES MANOR 7 Barron 8-8		J Fortune	–
3	(9)		ULTRA BOY P Haslam 8-8		J Weaver	–
4	(2)	05	BOLD BRIEF 25 Denys Smith 8-5		Pat Eddery	85
5	(6)	02	CLASS DISTINCTION 8 R Hannon 8-5		R Perham	(5)
6	(10)	0	MIFTY NORMAN 28 J Berry 8-5		J Carroll	81
7	(11)	6	REAL FIRE 23 M Meagher 8-5		S Sanders	69
8	(16)		T-N-T EXPRESS M Meagher 8-5		R Studholme (7)	–
9	(14)		IMPISH T Ellerington 8-3		L Charnock	–
10	(8)	30	KOMASTA 11 J Wilson 8-3		F Lynch (5)	68
11	(7)		LADY SALOME J Fitzgerald 8-3		K Fallon	–
12	(5)	05	PENSION FUND 19 M W Easterby 8-3		Dale Gibson	83
13	(15)		THE DEEJAY M Britton 8-3		M Birch	–
14	(12)		BUDDING PROSPECT W Haggas 8-0		A McGlone	–
15	(3)	4	UNDER PRESSURE 13 T Easterby 8-0		T Williams	90
16	(13)		STRAVANO B Baugh 7-12		W Lord	–

7-2 Class Distinction, 5-1 Budding Prospect, 6-1 Under Pressure, 8-1 Burkes Manor, Impish, 10-1 Pension Fund, Lady Salome, 12-1 others.

3.15 DEWSBURY SELLING STAKES
(£2,469: 1m 2f 6yd) (10)

1	(7)	40-1	NORTH ARDAR 10 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10		S Copp (7)	
2	(5)	5302	ADJUSTER RULER 6 (B,D) J L Harris 5-9-4		S Sanders	(3)
3	(10)	33	ELITE BLISS 10 M Camacho 4-8-13		L Charnock	97
4	(8)	0000	HUNZA STORY 6 (B,F) N Littmoden 4-8-13		Jo Hannam (7)	–
5	(1)	/00	KADARI 12 (V,6,5) W Clay 7-8-13		N Carlisle	–
6	(4)	0065	MILL DANCER 11 (D,F,S) E Alston 4-8-13		K Fallon	83
7	(2)	0006	REMONTANT 4 R Hollinshead 4-8-13		F Lynch (5)	80
8	(6)	034-	RISKY ROSE 299 (C,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-13		D Griffiths (5)	83
9	(9)	-601	CRY BABY 16 (B,G) N Tinkler 3-8-11		J Carroll	91
10	(3)	0	BEACON HILL LADY 12 B Ellison 3-8-6		N Kennedy	–

2-1 Cry Baby, 5-2 North Ardar, 4-1 Elite Bliss, 8-1 Absolute Ruler, 10-1 Mill Dancer, 12-1 Kadari, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Hannon, 3 winners from 15 runners, 20.0%; Mrs J Ramsden, 29 from 146, 19.9%, Mrs M Reveley, 21 from 123, 17.1%; P Harris, 3 from 21, 14.3%; J Wallis, 4 from 31, 12.9%, M Camacho, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Griffiths, 4 winners from 10 rides, 40.0%; S Copp, 4 from 10, 40.0%, Pat Eddery, 7 from 19, 36.8%, A McGlone, 5 from 21, 23.8%, K Fallon, 35 from 169, 20.7%, G Hind, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

6.15 One Pound. 6.45 Life On The Street. 7.15 Paradise Navy. 7.45 Double Oscar. 8.15 Domappel. 8.45 Wet Patch.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.15 HAZY DAYS APPRENTICES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,002: 1m 4f 115yd) (5 runners)

1		600-	EWAR IMPERIAL 284 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-10		C Munday (5)	5
2		065	CODE RED 21 J Hills 3-8-7		D Griffiths (5)	2
3		4-00	JELALI 7 D Murray Smith 3-8-7		Dane O'Neill	3
4		06-0	ONE POUND 41 B Hills 3-8-7		J D Smith (5)	1
5		4064	SHALATEENO 10 M Channon 3-8-4		P P Murphy (3)	4

2-1 One Pound, 9-4 Shalateeno, 11-4 Jelali, 9-2 Code Red, 25-1 Ewar Imperial

6.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ROYAL FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,460: 5f) (6)

1			EYE SHADOW B Meehan 8-11		R Hughes	4
2		4	GOPI 10 R Hannon 8-11		Dane O'Neill	(3) 1
3		2	KUSTOM KIT XPRES 7 M McCormack 8-11		J Reid	6
4		53	LIFE ON THE STREET 38 (BF) R Hannon 8-11		K Darley	2
5			MISS ST KITTS J Jenkins 8-11		Martin Dwyer (5)	5
6		3	OLYMPIC SPIRIT 9 J Berry 8-11		J Carroll	3

9-4 Olympic Spirit, 5-2 Kustom Kit Xpres, 7-2 Gopi, 6-1

RACING

Words of wisdom from Piggott speak volumes

ANDREW LONGMORE



at the Derby

THE idea was a good one, intelligently conceived and thoughtfully executed. But if anyone really believed Lester Piggott's influence on the Derby would end at his eponymous gates, opened last Tuesday, the presumption was rudely exposed by the surging stride of the unsung Shaamit four days later. It is as if Lester sits down each spring, pen and paper to hand, and says to himself: "Now, what script shall we write this year?"

Piggott played down his part in producing Shaamit to win the Derby on his first run of the season, a training feat which would have been hailed as a confirmation of genius had it been performed by more notable names like Stoute or Cecil rather than William Haggas, whose fame has hitherto been traced through his marriage to Lester's daughter, Maureen, and his prowess on the cricket field. He once had a trial for Yorkshire second XI. Nonetheless, when the childish dreams of spring need to be turned into fully grown ambitions of summer, Lester's voice is a powerful instrument of persuasion.

"There's only one Derby," Piggott had told Haggas quietly one cold February morning when he had assessed a promising bay colt with impressive breeding but unquantifiable ability. At the time, Haggas was wondering whether he should submit his owner, the charismatic Khalifa Dasmal, to a further £16,000 in fees for Epsom. Dasmal's enthusiasm and Lester's wisdom combined to conquer the Yorkshireman's dislike, as he put it in the aftermath of victory, of "spending other people's money". Apart from the winner of the National Lottery, there cannot have been a bigger dividend paid out all weekend.

"Lester lives for the Derby," Haggas said. "He believes it's the greatest race in the world and when you think of his experience in it, that has to give you confidence. He's a good man to have on your side."

Though 33 and not short of big-race experience, Michael Hills was neither too old nor too arrogant to forsake a lesson with the Master of Epsom. On Friday, Hills had spent half-an-hour in the living room of Piggott's house in Newmarket, drinking a cup of coffee, watching a video of the last 20 years of the Derby and listening like a novice to the advice delivered in those flat, inimitable, tones. It was not so much what was said, Hills related, but who said it.

"Since I was a boy, Lester has been my hero. Riding Derby winners on the back of the settee as a kid, I was



Piggott: influence

Lester. Then to sit and listen to him was a great thrill. He told me that the start was very important, about how I should stay on the inside, how it was vital to keep an inexperienced horse like Shaamit balanced and relaxed. Then he just told me to wait for an opportunity and to be confident.

"These were things I knew for myself, things I'd heard from other sources, but to hear them from him, to have listened to and seen all the experiences he had, I got confidence talking to him," Hills said. The words stayed with Hills through the 2½ minutes of the race and were expressed most noticeably in the confidence with which he pulled Shaamit away from the trouble and eased him to the outside for what proved to be the winning surge.

"There was a lot of bumping and boring at the top of the hill and I was behind Willie Carson, who was getting hopelessly pushed about," Hills said. "I thought I'm not going to try and get through there, let's get out of here." With two furlongs to go as Shaamit hit the front, Lester's voice was replaced by another, more strident, tone. "I knew Mr Haggas would be having heart failure at going so early. Those last 100 yards were the longest of my life." As he drove off to Newmarket for three more rides at the evening meeting, Hills could reflect with pride that not even Lester could have bettered his ride.

It was, in its way, a fairytale ending and the smiling faces of the connections restored some of the wonder to a day which has become too much business and not enough pleasure. For once, the thrill of victory was genuine, the result of fulfilled dreams not overflowing bank accounts. The only downcast faces belonged to the punters, who, for the second year running, felt cheated by the victory of a horse without form or character. The Derby is not a race in decline, but a race in transition, a race in need of new heroes. Lester's gates will be long-lasting, but not even he can keep finding new storylines.

Breaking through the classic barriers

Alex Greaves was thrilled by her historic ride in the Derby. After tasting Epsom's unique flavour, she is keen to try again

DAVID CHESKIN



Greaves receives encouragement from two well-wishers before her Derby ride on Saturday

Now I've done it once, I'm itching to try again. I may have finished last of the 20 runners on Portuguese Lil in the Derby, but it was an experience that I will never forget. I hope I've broken down some barriers and other girls will get a chance to ride in the Derby in the future. There is no reason why they should not.

The day started quite normally. I woke up at about half past six, went out to check up on the horse an hour later, and then sat down with the newspapers. Breakfast, as usual, just consisted of a cup of coffee — I get a stitch if I have any more than that before riding. We arrived at the track at one o'clock, and while I went straight to the ladies' changing rooms, my husband, David, went off to look after Portuguese Lil's owner, David Windle.

I was not alone in the changing room as Aimee Cook, an apprentice, had secured a ride on Lord Huntingdon's Country Lover in a later handicap. Then I didn't feel so isolated. It was quite good to be separate, because the other jockeys were getting all the attention and it gave me time to sit there and gather my thoughts.

It seems strange, but in spite of the television and radio interviews constantly reminding me of the fact that I was making history as the first woman to ride in the 216 years of the Derby, I didn't get nervous until I walked into the paddock. In company with some of the world's biggest owners and trainers, and all the top jockeys, it suddenly hit me.

But as soon as I got on the horse, I relaxed again. I was back doing my job. Going down to the start was an amazing experience. I'm not used to seeing such large crowds lining both sides of the course, and for them all to start clapping and cheering when we cantered past was just fantastic.

It was a bit calmer milling around at the start. Last-minute checks on all the riding equipment, making sure the girth-strap was tight enough to stop the saddle slipping. Down at the start there was a bit of banter with the other jockeys, but it was all pretty good humoured, with most of them wishing me well.

The tension really started to build as we were led into the starting stalls, but that all went smoothly and before I knew it, the gates had sprung open to a huge roar from the crowd.

The jockeys had warned me that the first two furlongs would be lightning fast, and they were right. The pace was furious from the word go. We has a perfect draw in the middle of the field, and sat at the back of the main group through the early stages, with a couple behind us. There was a bit of hurly-burly, but no more than you would expect in a field of that size.

The filly handled Tattenham Corner well — no problem at all. At that point we were still well in touch with the main group, but from there the strain began to tell on Portuguese Lil. Although she ran her heart out she was just not good enough to keep tabs on them. There were certainly no hard-luck stories!

I wasn't disappointed at finishing last. On the form book we should have been a furlong behind, yet we only finished three lengths off Prince Of My Heart. She wasn't detached by any stretch of the imagination.

There was some concern that we would be in the way and cause trouble, but nobody could claim that to be the case now. We've come here and had a lot of fun. It was a great day and the owner enjoyed it. That's the main thing.

There is not a horse in our yard likely to run in next year's race at the moment. Hopefully another will come along, but for the time being it's back to riding at the northern courses for me.

☐ *Interview: Robert Wright*

Plymouth rider gains upper hand

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

AN AWAY bookmaker made a profit on Shaamit and the Derby details went round like a Chinese whisper, but otherwise Epsom was of little consequence to those gathered at the **Torrington Farmers** meeting at Umberleigh in Devon, which traditionally staged the final fixture of the season on Saturday.

Local honour was at stake, particularly in the annual battle between Mandy Hand and Linda Blackford to be the area's woman champion. Hand, from Plymouth, took the honour for the eighth time after a victory on Dharamshala in the first division of the maiden.

Neil Harris, 28, is Devon & Cornwall's men's champion for the first time after ten years of riding. He partnered 14 winners but will have to make a case to the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee today if his promoted victory on Chilipour at Bratton Down is to be retained.

The owner of Vital Song has appealed against his horse's disqualification from first place after crossing Chilipour on the run-in and an entourage of witnesses travels from Devon for the hearing. The sport remains competitive to the end.

RESULTS: TORRINGTON FARMERS (Umberleigh). Hunt. 1, Lucky Thursday (P Treloggen, 1-2 fav). Open: 1, Spitfire Jubilee (M Miller, 4-5 fav). Ladies: 1, Fosbury (Miss P Curling, 4-5 fav) Rest: 1, Diana Moss (C Heard, 9-2). Confined 1, Frosty Reception (Miss L Pope, 33-1). Open Mdn I: 1, Dharamshala (Mrs M Hand, 6-1). Open Mdn II: 1, My Boy Buster (J Young, 7-2).

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

6.30 Bayrak. 7.00 Sunset Harbour. 7.30 Hand Craft. 8.00 Latin Master. 8.30 Select Few. 9.00 Gone Savage.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.30 Select Few. 9.00 **MOUSEHOLE** (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 ARISTON ONANDONANDON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,843: 1m 3f 135yd) (13 runners)

1	5	ARTIC BAY 14 *Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-8*		A Procter 6
2	0041	STATAJACK 3 (B,F,G,5) D Elsworth 8-10-0		A Procter 13
3	45-0	WESTMINSTER 59 (V,F) *M Tompkins 4-9-11*		P Robinson 1
4	2013	BAYRAK 2 (D,6,5) M Ryan 8-9-9		W Carson 8
5	00-0	FATTASH 160 P Mooney 4-8-9		J F Egan 2
6	-000	TE AMO 13 (BF,6) R Akehurst 4-8-9		S Sanders 5
7	1003	BAG OF TRICKS 11 (F,G) *5 Dow 6-9-5*		B Thomson 3
8		PANTO QUEEN 382 C Barwell 5-8-13		A Clark 12
9	0	LITTLE WOBBLY 12 P Clarke 6-8-11		N Adams 7
10	0-30	FOREVER NOBLE 36 M Channon 3-8-8		R Perham 9
11	0-00	SISTER KIT 63 B Palling 3-8-3		J Quinn 4
12	000	AMBER RING 28 Miss L George 3-8-3		D Harrison 11
13	-000	BAKER 32 J Akehurst 3-8-1		C Rutter 10

9-1 Sailjack, 7-2 Bayrak, 5-1 *To Amo*, 6-1 Forever Noble, 7-1 Westminster, 8-1 Bag Of Tricks, Sister Kit, 10-1 others

7.00 SCHOLTES FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,209: 5f 217yd) (16)

1	-024	PETIT POINT 23 R Harmon 9-7		Pat Eddery 15
2	-530	TIME FOR TEA 9 C Cyzer 9-6		W Ryan 10
3	20-0	MANDERELLA 12 J Akehurst 9-2		A Clark 11
4	0610	CISERANO 4 (6) M Channon 9-1		A Eddery (7) 6
5	051-	TRUTH 202 (6) M Prescott 8-12		G Duffield 3
6	035	CINDY KATE 18 W Muir 8-8		C Rutter 5
7	-000	DIL DIL 25 (F) W Haggas 8-8		B Thomson 16
8	0-00	PHARAOH'S JOY 54 (D,F) J Payne 8-7		M Tebbutt 7
9	6004	VOLARE 8 B Meehan 8-6		L Dettori 14
10	00-4	CROESO CYMRES 7 (D,BF,6) B Palling 8-6		T Sprake 12
11	0-00	BLOSSOM DEARIE 21 R Frost 8-1		R Street 8
12	-634	MYSTERY MATTHIAS 123 (B) Miss B Sanders 8-1		S Sanders 4
13	5000	SUNSET HARBOUR 23 T Naughton 5-0		J Quinn 7
14	00-0	DAFFODIL EXPRESS 54 M Ryan 7-13		W Carson 13
15	66-0	UNSPOKEN PRAYER 10 J Arnold 7-11		J F Egan 9
16	525-	DONINGTON PARK 392 *P Dalton 7-11*		N Adams 2

9-2 Petit Point, 5-1 Truth, 6-1 Unspoken Prayer, 7-1 Daffodil Express, 8-1 Cindy Kate, 10-1 Mystery Matthias, Sunset Harbour, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Guest, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; R Harmon, 43 from 218, 19.6%; M Ryan, 4 from 25, 16%; M Heaton-Ellis, 10 from 66, 15.2%; L Cumani, 4 from 28, 14.3%; W Jarvis, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 35 winners from 173 rides, 20.2%; W Ryan, 8 from 43, 18.6%; L Dettori, 23 from 139, 17.8%; T Quinn, 18 from 140, 12.9%; W Carson, 11 from 92, 12.0%; T Sprake, 6 from 53, 11.3%; S Drowne, 5 from 45, 10.9%.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 2.30 Fresh Look. 3.00 Castle Ashby Jack. 3.30 Johayro. Warwick: 7.45 May Queen Megan. Northern Judge Samara Song. 8.45 Last Spin. Windsor 7.30 Easy Choice.

7.30 INDESIT HANDICAP (£3,792: 1m 2f 7yd) (13) SKY

1	-000	HAND CRAFT 22 (F,G) W Haggas 4-10-0		B Thomson 9
2	-020	RON'S SECRET 9 (F,5) *J Payne 4-9-11*		L Dettori 1
3	-050	SOTOBOY 14 (F) P Harris 4-9-7		G Duffield 2
4	-001	DELIGHT OF DAWN 28 (C,F,G) R Strange 4-9-4		J F Egan 11
5	0015	MYFONTAINE 5 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) K Ivory 9-8-3		M Wigham 12
6	513-	PRAGUE SPRING 307 (D,F) Lady Herries 4-9-1		D Harrison 3
7	-436	FAHS 12 (G) B Akehurst 4-8-13		T Quinn 10
8	3-00	GUESSTINATION 12 (D,F,6,5) J Pearce 7-8-11		G Bardwell 13
9	0-50	YAVERLAND 24 C Dwyer 4-8-8		Pat Eddery 5
10	0000	EASY CHOICE 9 (V,G) P Mitchell 4-8-8		A Clark 8
11	06-6	SHINING DANCER 25 5 Dow 4-8-3		S Sanders 7
12	0-31	BAKHETA 14 (D,5) Miss G Kelleway 4-7-13		N Adams 6
13	5605	SOUTH EASTERN FRED 12 (C,D,F) R Collingridge 5-7-10		J Quinn 4

9-2 Bakheta, 6-1 Prague Spring, 7-1 Fahs, Myfontaine, 8-1 Ron's Secret, Delight Of Dawn, South Eastern Fred, 10-1 others.

8.00 NEW WORLD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,176: 5f 217yd) (14) SKY

1		HEVER GOLF STORMER *T Naughton 8-10*		Paul Eddery 1
2		LARGESSE *John Berry 8-10*		M Fenton 7
3		HEVER GOLF DANCER *T Naughton 8-9*		P Robinson 13
4		ARCTIC OWL *J Fanshawe 8-8*		D Harrison 2
5		BROADGATE FLYER *W Jarvis 8-8*		B Thomson 6
6	0	CLASSIC MYSTERY 52 B Meehan 8-7		J F Egan 10
7		JACK THE LAD C Murray 8-6		M Tebbutt 9
8		THREEPLAY *J Akehurst 8-6*		T Quinn 12
9	52	LATIN MASTER 19 R Harmon 8-4		Pat Eddery 3
10	3	THE FOUR ISLES 17 D Haydn Jones 8-4		A Mackay 5
11		MISS STAMPER *R Hannon 8-1*		S Sanders 14
12	0	LE SHUTTLE 9 M Tompkins 8-0		G Bardwell 4
13	0	MISSION HEIGHTS 10 K Burke 7-12		J Quinn 8
14	50	SUMMER RISOTTO 30 D Brench Davis 7-12		N Carlisle 11

9-4 Latin Master, 9-2 Miss Stamper, 6-1 Broadgate Flyer, 7-1 Arctic Owl, 8-1 Le Shuttle, The Four Isles, 10-1 others

8.30 ARISTON BUILT-IN LIMITED STAKES (£3,480: 1m 67yd) (6)

1	-000	EMBANKMENT 22 (D,F,5) R Hannon 5-9-6		Pat Eddery 1
2	56-0	MIHRIZ 30 (F) R Akehurst 4-9-6		S Sanders 2
3	4-31	ZYGO 22 (S) W Jarvis 4-9-6		W Ryan 6
4	3412	CRAZY CHIEF 14 (CD,BF,5) P Cole 3-8-11		David O'Neill (7) 4
5	6-51	ARTIERBRES 48 (F) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-9		S Drowne (3) 3
6	1-30	SELECT FEW 24 (D,6) L Cumani 3-8-9		L Dettori 5

5-2 Crazy Chief, 3-1 Zygo, 7-2 Mihriz, 5-1 Embankment, 6-1 Select Few, 10-1 Artierbres

9.00 MERLONI LIMITED STAKES (£2,717: 5f 10yd) (14)

1	1320	SPEEDY CLASSIC 35 (B,C,D,BF,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 7-9-5		S Drowne (3) 11
2	-504	GONE SAVAGE 19 (D,BF,F,G,5) W Musson 8-9-2		L Dettori 10
3	0606	HALBERT 4 (V,D,F) P Burgoyne 7-9-2		P McCabe (3) 14
4	3006	MALIBU MAN 12 (D,G) E Wheeler 4-9-2		T Sprake 6
5	-000	ANAMI BANKER 12 (B,D,F,G,5) W Muir 10-9-2		G Bardwell 9
6	0052	MOUSEHOLE 12 (B,F) R Guest 4-9-2		Paul Eddery 4
7	-341	NINETY-FIVE 11 (D,5) J Fitzgerald 4-9-2		K Fallon 13
8	4008	PETRACO 17 (C,D,F,G,5) N Smith 8-9-2		S D Williams 3
9	-000	SIZZLING 30 (D,F) R Hannon 4-9-2		Pat Eddery 1
10	5-00	ASHKERNAZY 16 (D,F) N Berry 5-8-13		C Adamson (5) 7
11	-000	DEARDAW 7 M Usher 4-8-13		S Sanders 2
12	224-	CLAN CHIEF 287 J Arnold 3-8-9		T Quinn 5
13	2400	DANCING JACK 11 (D,6) J Bridger 3-8-9		J Quinn 12
14	0-00	LITTLE PILGRIM 36 T Jones 3-8-9		R Perham 8

6-2 Ninety-Five, 5-1 Gone Savage, 6-1 Mousehole, 7-1 Speedy Classic, 8-1 Clan Chief, 10-1 Malibu Man, Sedling, 12-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, SUPERCAL (K Fallon, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Magical Times (L Dettori, 2-1 jt-fav); 3, Bettynouche (R Hughes, 11-4) ALSO RAN: 15-2 Last Chance (4th). 4 ran. ½l, 5l, 2l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £2.90. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.71

2.35 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, RISING DOUGH (Mrs J Moore, 12-1); 2, Hever Golf Lady (Mrs J Naughton, 16-1); 3, Access Adventurer (Miss Y Haynes, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Carlo Brigante (4th), 5 Domitia, 6 Norsong, 9 Don't Drop Bombs (6th), 10 Amlah (5th), Yubralee 9 ran. 4l, 2l, ¾l, hd, 3½l. G L Moore at Epsom. Tote: £11.20; £2.60, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £60.00. Trio: £111.80. CSF: £148.09. Tricast: £873.46.

3.10 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, BAL HARBOUR (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, Yarob (R Hills, 12-1); 3, Wot No Fax (S Sanders, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 8-2 Yom Jameel (4th), 5 Wayne County, 6 Torie Aus Pommes, Tawdrie. 7 ran. 2l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90, £2.10, £4.90. DF: £22.60. CSF: £24.82.

3.40 (5f) 1, TO THE ROOF (G Hind, 6-1 jt-fav, Richard Evans,'s nap); 2, Lucky Parkes (J Carroll, 11-1); 3, Crowded Avenue (S Sanders, 6-1 jt-fav) ALSO RAN: 6 jt-fav Double Quick, Javanrpoe, That Man Again, 15-2 Brave Edge, Mr Oscar, 16 Man (4th), 20 Tart, Warsan, 50 Swynford Dream. 12 ran. NR: Croft Pool, Go Hever Gol, Sh hd, 3l. P Harris at Berkhamsted. Tote: £7.50, £1.90, £4.50, £2.40. DF: £59.90. Trio: £247.90. CSF: £64.68. Tricast: £387.28.

4.10 (1m 114yd) 1, MBULWA (G Carter, 25-1); 2, Star Talent (P. Fessey, 10-1); 3, Sandmoor Chambray (M Birch, 14-1), 4, Proud Monk (J Weaver, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Pride Of Pendle, 8 Pay Homage, Seven Seems Lucky, Sue's Return, 10 Apollono, Up In Flames, 11 Greatest, 14 Confronter, Deevee, 16 Philosopher, 25 Miskamara, 33 Summerhill Special. 16 ran. NR: A Chef Too Far, Comanche Companion. 1¼l, 1l. R Fahey at Malton. Tote: £63.40; £10.50, £3.10, £5.70, £4.40. DF: £386.90. Trio: £1,102.70. CSF: £243.27. Tricast: £3,471.02.

4.40 (7f) 1, POLAR PRINCE (F Lynch, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Banzhaf (J Quinn, 10-1); 3, Mambo Hat Baba (K Fallon, 5-1 jt-fav) ALSO RAN: 5 fav Concaturo, 13-2 Ashlac (5th), Limerick Princess, 8 Icem, 9 Kilvine (4th), 14 Iamus, 16 Eastern Prophets, 20 Catch The Lights, 33 Willisa (6th). 12 ran. NR: Blue Flyer, Jerry Cutrona, Young Mazaad. 2½l, ¾l, 2l, 2½l, 1¼l. M Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £9.50; £2.30, £4.10, £2.90. DF: £67.00. Trio: £263.30. CSF: £59.55. Tricast: £351.68.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £85,380.30 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £2,196.20. Quadpot: £185.40.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Birthday Boy (J Osborne, 7-2 jt-fav), 2, Imlak (4-1); 3, Etherisio (7-2 jt-fav). 16 ran. ¾l, 8l. J Jenkins. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £5.40. Trio: £5.40. CSF: £17.61.

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Crazy Horse Dancer (L Aspell, 8-1); 2, Sovereign Niche (4-1 fav); 3, Whistling Bizzy (10-1); 4, Sweet Noble (33-1). 16 ran. NR: Most Interesting. 1¼l, 5l. F Jordan. Tote: £11.00; £2.20, £1.40, £3.90, £10.40. DF: £39.80. Trio: £187.90. CSF: £42.11. Tricast: £317.04. No bid.

3.25 (2m 7f chs) 1, Certain Angle (A P McCoy, 9-4), 2, Lemon's Mill (5-6 fav); 3, Counterbalance (10-1). 7 ran. Hd, 16l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £1.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.56. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.55 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Morning Blush (D Bridgwater, 8-1), 2, South Westerly (5-1), 3, Cats Run (5-1). Tallywagger 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Admirally Way, Jawani. 8l, 1l. M Pipe. Tote: £10.40; £2.70, £1.90. £2.20. DF: £24.00. Trio: £28.60. CSF: £33.25. Tricast: £146.48.

4.25 (2m 5f chs) 1, Factor Ten (J F Titley, 8-11 fav); 2, Ballyline (14-1); 3, Nescal (10-3) 10 ran. NR: Flaming Miracle. 4l, 11l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £3.40. £1.10. DF: £6.60. Trio: £9.80. CSF: £11.28.

4.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Rolfe (R Johnson, 2-1 fav); 2, Pembridge Place (6-1), 3, Amensus (4-1) 11 ran. NR: Dames. 4l, nk. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.80, £1.20. DF: £7.50. Trio: £7.40. CSF: £14.75.

5.25 (2m hdle) 1, Lady Confess (R Supple, 11-1); 2, Alazan (12-1); 3, Toute Beguile (11-4 fav) 9 ran. 2½l, 14l. J Dyson. Tote: £15.60; £2.70, £2.80, £1.60. DF: £47.60. Trio: £304.60. CSF: £130.20. Tricast: £429.89.

Placepot: £15.30. Quadpot: £4.00.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom

Going: good (back straight good to firm)

1.45 (6f) 1, Selhurstpark Flyer (P Roberts, 12-1); 2, My Best Valentine (16-1); 3, Tropical Dance (25-1); 4, Shamanic (25-1) Bowden Rose 11-2 fav. 17 ran. 2l, 2½l. J Berry. Tote: £12.20; £2.20, £3.40, £5.30. £8.30. DF: £154.70. Trio: £2,465.80. CSF: £165.98. Tricast: £4,231.50.

2.25 VODAFONE DERBY STAKES (Group I 3-Y-O: £523,100: 1m 4f 10yd)

See facing page

3.10 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Dance So Suite (David O'Neill, 6-1); 2, Achilles Heel (66-1); 3, Hallaaleh (8-1). Rossin Clover 11-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Western Playboy. 1½l, nk. P Cole. Tote: £6.10; £2.70, £6.80, £2.00. DF: £146.50. Trio: £905.30. CSF: £242.66. Tricast: £2,901.17. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.50 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, Ela-Aristokrati (P Robinson, 16-1); 2, Tertium (7-1); 3, Hoh Express (8-1); 4, Conspicuous (20-1). Hugwity 11-4 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. L Cumani. Tote: £18.80, £3.50, £2.40, £1.70. £4.70. DF: £85.00. Trio: £323.40. CSF: £117.60. Tricast: £894.91.

4.25 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, Swain (L Dettori, 11-10 fav), 2, Sanggalel (9-4); 3, De Quest (7-2) 4 ran. Nk, 5l. A Fabre (Fr). Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.67.

5.00 (6f) 1, Proud Native (M J Kinane, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Premier Bay (4-1); 3, Caviar Royale (3-2 jt-fav). 8 ran. Hd, 3l. A Jarvis. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £3.00. DF: £6.20. CSF: £11.66. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

5.30 (7f) 1, Ramooz (W Ryan, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Warning Time (13-2); 3, Almushtarak (7-2) King Of Peru 5-2 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¼l, nk. B Hanbury. Tote: £3.50; £2.10, £4.10. DF: £16.80. CSF: £18.41.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £49,009.23 was carried forward to Epsom yesterday).

Placepot: £1,813.40. Quadpot: £80.10.

Haydock Park

2.10 1, Victorian Style (3-1); 2, How Long (5-1); 3, Persis (14-1). Unitus 11-4 fav. 11 ran.

2.55 1, Pleasant Surprise (9-2); 2, Exalted (20-1); 3, Sandy Floss (4-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Spitio.

3.30 1, Boffin Frank (11-4 fav); 2, Moving Arrow (13-2); 3, Queens Consul (6-1). 9 ran.

4.05 1, Inzar (7-2); 2, Branston Abby (100-30 fav); 3, Carranita (7-1). 9 ran. NR: Hi Nod.

4.45 1, Future Prospect (4-5 fav); 2, Swing (8-1); 3, Magic Blue (12-1). 6 ran.

5.20 1, Turgenev (6-1); 2, Istabraq (9-2); 3, Riparius (15-2). Satin Lover 100-30 fav. 10 ran. NR: Thaljanah, Wannaplantatree.

Doncaster

2.00 1, Greek Night Out (5-1). 2, Royal Expression (11-8 fav); 3, Great Oration (10-1). 9 ran.

2.50 1, Mushahid (100-30); 2, Capilano Princess (9-1); 3, Marigliano (5-2 fav). 7 ran

3.20 1, Almasi (4-1); 2, Palo Blanco (9-2), 3, Premium Gift (14-1). It's Academic 11-4 fav. 9 ran.

3.55 1, Wee Hope (9-4); 2, Emy Coasting (6-4 fav); 3, Time To Tango (4-1). 9 ran NR: Longwick Lad

4.35 1, Diego (3-1); 2, Genesis Four (20-1); 3, Bayrak (8-15 fav) 4 ran

5.10 1, Legal Issue (10-1), 2, Nashaat (14-1); 3, Sycamore Lodge (100-30 fav). 11 ran.

Worcester

3.00 1, Valisky (12-1); 2, High Post (10-1); 3, Wynberg (8-1). Spanish Blaze 2-1 fav 15 ran.

3.30 1, Sartorius (10-1); 2, Poldan Pride (7-2); 3, Henley Regatta (20-1). Muskora 7-4 fav. 10 ran.

4.00 1, Phalarope (9-4 fav); 2, Call The Guv'nor (6-1); 3, Boltrose (16-1). 12 ran.

4.30 1, Brave Patriarch (Evens fav); 2, Born To Please (4-1); 3, Bramley May (11-2). 10 ran.

5.05 1, Puncheon Gale (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Howgill (8-1); 3, Charged (5-2 jt-fav). 9 ran.

5.40 1, Regal Gem (4-5 fav); 2, Oh Dear Me (25-1); 3, Boundtohonour (12-1). 14 ran.

6.10 1, Kallash (5-2); 2, Tanglefoot Tipple (12-1); 3, Popsi's Cloggs (33-1) Profit And Loss 7-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Sweet Talker.

Newmarket

6.40 1, Soojama (16-1); 2, Make A Stand (9-2 jt-fav), 3, Sloe Brandy (33-1); 4, Cheveley Dancer (33-1). Glow Forum 9-2 jt-fav. 22 ran. NR: Carlton Express.

7.05 1, Akhla (11-10 fav), 2, Dancing Debut (10-1); 3, Berenice (8-1) 11 ran

7.35 1, Faith Alone (20-1); 2, Galine (4-1); 3, Jerry Cutrona (8-4 fav). 8 ran

8.05 1, Linda's Joy (8-1); 2, Home Cookin' (11-2); 3, Tachwell Lass (10-1). Corniche Quest 9-4 fav. 10 ran.

8.35 1, Mewingo (3-1); 2, Master Charter (11-4 fav); 3, Insatiable (4-1) 11 ran.

9.05 1, Hakkaniyah (11-10 fav); 2, Hen Harrier (11-4); 3, Lellinn Lodge (3-1). 5 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Oberon's Dart (7-2); 2, La Tansani (5-2 fav); 3, Beau Bruno (15-2). 12 ran.

7.30 1, High Premium (5-4 fav); 2, Cretan Gift (9-4); 3, Palacegate Touch (3-1). 7 ran.

8.00 1, Mr Teigh (20-1); 2, Three Arch Bridge (3-1 fav); 3, Super High (16-1). 11 ran.

8.30 1, Wardara (7-1); 2, Kipspinger (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Four Of Spades (5-1 jt-fav). 12 ran.

9.00 1, Enchanting Eve (5-2); 2, Shandena (6-1); 3, Perfect Bliss (5-1). Ginny Wossemame 15-8 fav. 8 ran.

9.30 1, Old School House (7-2); 2, Pearl Anniversary (11-4 fav); 3, Harbet House (10-1). 10 ran.

Southwell

6.50 1, Tuthut George (11-4); 2, Call Me Albi (11-1); 3, Top Spin (6-4 fav). 11 ran.

7.15 1, Royal Vacation (6-1); 2, Sea Breaker (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Albert Blake (13-2). Lady Blakeney 7-2 jt-fav 11 ran. NR: Woodlands Genhire.

7.45 1, Saakia's Hero (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Gesnera (7-1); 3, Dr Rocket (5-1). Ramstar 5-2 jt-fav. 7 ran.

8.15 1, Eid (9-2); 2, Red Valerian (7-2); 3, Blue Raven (9-2). All On 10-3 fav. 8 ran.

8.45 1, Nocatchim (11-2); 2, Parish Walk (100-30 fav); 3, Against The Clock (11-1). 12 ran NR: Gigly, Minnesota Fats.

9.15 1, Zahid (9-2); 2, Ordog Mor (11-4 fav); 3, Scamallach (3-1). 8 ran.

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RIVER NORTH, trained by Lady Herries and ridden by Kevin Darley, finished a creditable third, beaten about four lengths, to the odds-on favourite, Germany, and Oxalagu in the group two £72,072 Grosser Preis der Wirtschaft over 11 furlongs at Baden-Baden yesterday.

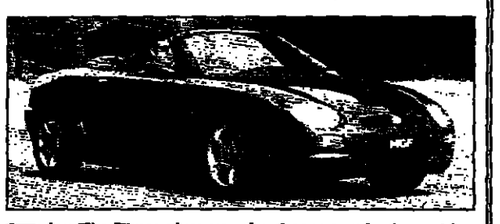
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THE TIMES TOKEN 7

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs	£ won/ rnr	Level stakes
M Johnston	42	42	30	1	-30.02	
R Hollinshead	36	25	45	3	-26.27	
L Cyzer	35	28	18	1	+51.54	
H Cecil	33	20	21	1	2.46	
J Berry	32	26	27	1	-66.62	
R Hannon	32	37	20	2	-78.60	
M Channon	30	25	19	3

Damian Whitworth finds England's former polo player may have the answer to a cricketing question

'Galloping' major bowls over cricket

ANDRE CAMARA



Ferguson teaches Whitworth the finer points of batting at his school in Dummer, Hampshire

A moment of over-enthusiastic flailing of my bowling arm and I unleashed a ball that nearly broke the wrist of the father of the girl who was (until very recently) married to the Duke of York. Major Ronald Ferguson let out a yelp, those famous eyebrows shot skywards like a pair of hairy bails and an appearance in the gossip columns flashed before me.

But the "galloping" major, as the tabloids dubbed him, is made of sturdy stuff. The former England polo player is now, at 64, quietly building a new life in cricket since being released from his duties as the Prince of Wales's polo manager. And tucked away in the depths of the Hampshire countryside, he may just be finding an answer to the questions being asked of our national game.

SPORT FOR ALL

As everybody in the sport agrees something must be done urgently to encourage more youngsters to take up bat and ball, Ferguson has turned the cowshed on his farm in the drowsy village of Dummer into a cricket school. Where once 150 cows used to winter, men, women and children now thunder down eight lanes of nets and thrash boisterously about an indoor arena in hectic six-a-side contests. The competition for the nets during the pre-season was fierce but the real success story is the six-a-side.

There are three adult leagues, one sponsored by a brewery, boasting more than 50 teams. However, the real boost is the way that six-a-side engenders an enthusiasm among children.

These are furious contests played padded up with a hard ball on the carpeted floor. Masses of runs are racked up as the ball ricochets off the walls, sending fielders scurrying after it. Some of the very young players seem to find fielding close to the bat in an arena intimidating, but the older ones love it. One must just guard against over-excited players injuring their coaches.

Relieved that I had avoided seriously maiming mine I retired to the nets for some tuition. Ferguson is a gruff but benign dictator who is in the nets with his bowling machine most mornings and a stalwart of the village side. "I'll stop playing when I'm no longer top of the averages," he says. He reels off the statistics from the first year of his venture as only an obsessive can. "More than 900 net hours, 430 matches, 12 thousand overs, 90,000 balls." After an hour of sensible advice my bowling technique was considerably less dangerous.

While Hampshire coaches come to work with the kids, this set-up is independent of the county. With less and less cricket being played in schools such private enterprises must be a real hope for the future.

Geoffrey Boycott is impressed by news of a centre geared purely to cricket, a luxury that few cricket clubs, sharing facilities in multi-purpose sports halls can enjoy. "That's exactly what we've got in Yorkshire," says Boycott. "Eight lanes and you can bring the nets back for six-a-side, which is great for youngsters. I always believe you should get them all involved equally, playing as part of a team and not worry too much about technique. Indoor cricket is crucial because of our winter and because while John Major says children should play more sport in schools it seems to be all talk at the moment."

Ferguson decided to build his school when he realised that the local colts had nowhere to practise the basics of the game during the winter. With the first year under his belt he has the same dreams as all those who nurture young talent — to produce a superstar one day.

"Obviously with the state that English cricket is in, if you could get a boy to play for Hampshire Under-16s and then end up playing for Hampshire it would be simply wonderful. If he then went on to play international cricket it would be sensational."

Relaxing over a pint in the bar, the major begins to wax lyrical. He is talking about his school as it relates to his life, but could just as easily be referring to its small but not insignificant place in English cricket. "It's nice for something to be going right for a change."



Whitworth faces Ferguson in the specially converted cowshed

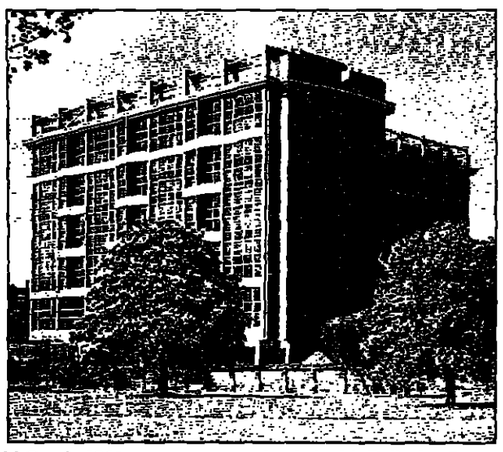
WHERE TO GO

- The Dummer Cricket School can be reached at Dummer Down Farm, Dummer, Basingstoke, Hampshire 01256-397814.
- The National Cricket Association runs a national six-a-side tournament with the final held at Lord's 0171-289 6098.
- For details of programmes run by the counties contact individual county headquarters.

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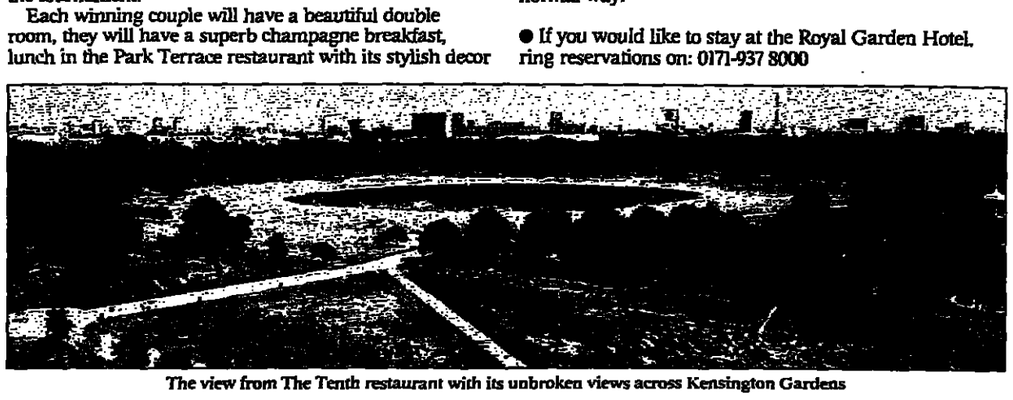
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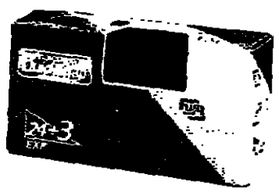
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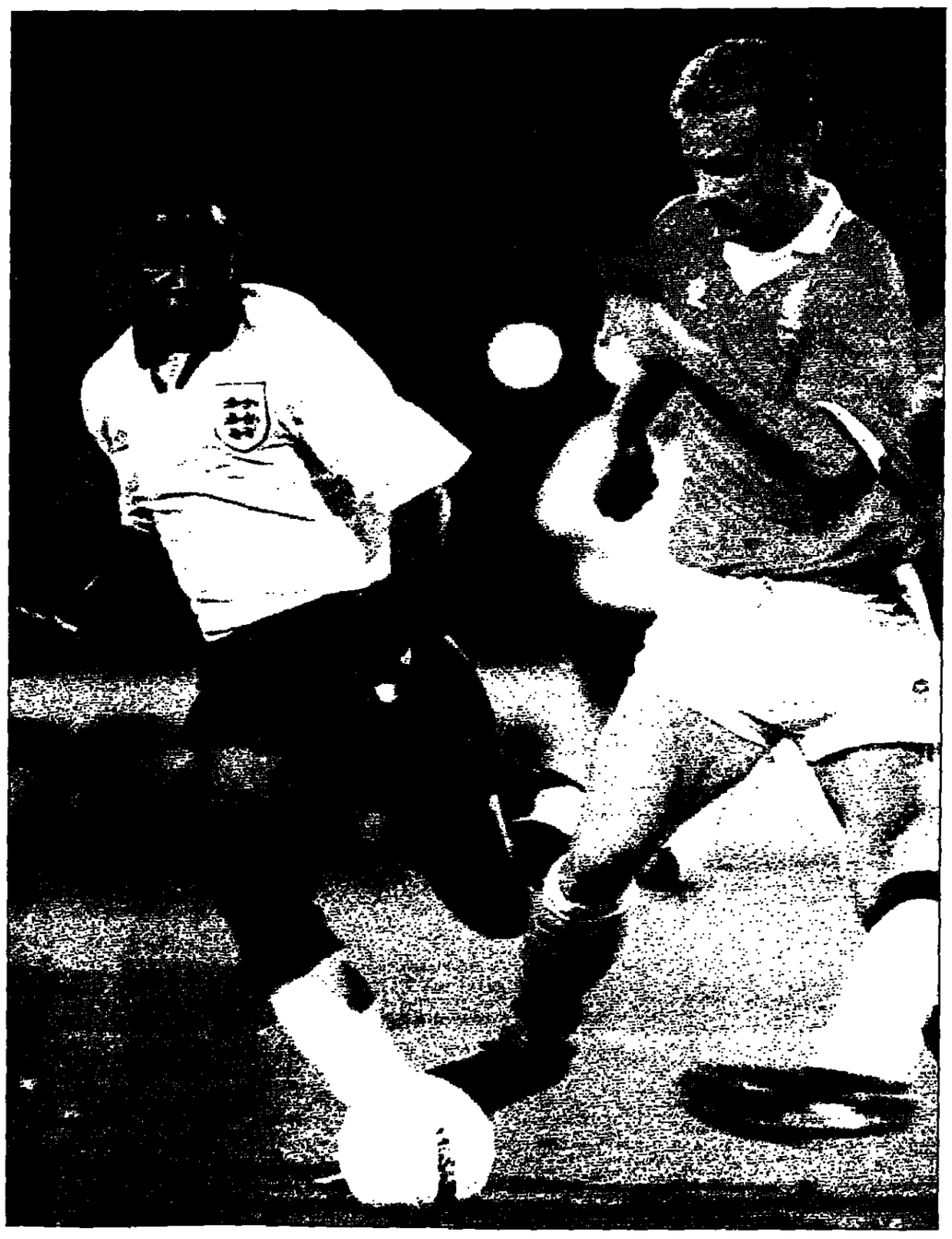
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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF) Saturday: Frankfurt 24 Barcelona 21 Yesterday: Amsterdam 24 Rhein 14;

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Australian League (AFL): Sydney 21.11 (137) bt Fitzroy 10.7 (67), Geelong 14.14 (98) bt Brisbane 15.8 (98), Carlton 15.11 (101) bt Richmond 13.12 (90), North Melbourne 12.17 (89) bt Footscray 10.9 (69); Hawthorn 17.8 (110) bt Fremantle 7.11 (53); Essendon 9.7 (63) bt St Kilda 6.7 (43) *(game abandoned after power failure, match to be completed today)*, West Coast 19.16 (130) bt Adelaide 11.10 (76).

BALLROOM DANCING

BRENTWOOD: Stars of the Future competition: Amateur Latin National Selection: First heat: *M* and N Cutler (Southend-on-Sea); 2, M Lunn and J Baltzer (Manchester); 3, I Waite and L Garvie (Reading); 4, D Watson and M Karlsson (London); 5, P Neligan and M Walker (Bromley); 6, D Bennett and R Coster (Sheffield). Juvenile Open Modern: 1, A Over and H Clark; 2, A Forman and E Lyndon; 3, J Adcock and N Macocia; 4, A Wells and L Beresford-Ward; 5, C Butler and V Harrison; 6, S Arnold and V Larman. Juvenile Open Latin: 1, A Over and H Clark; 2, A Forman and E Lyndon; 3, J Adcock and N Macocia; 4, L Cooper and K Welton; 5, A Wells and L Beresford-Ward; 6, S Arnold and V Larman. Junior Open Modern: 1, C Elsbury and L Allen; 2, G Jarmain and K Adams; 3, P Starling and A Davies; 4, M Rycroft and L Stoves; 5, M Leak and A Bennett; 6, B Adcock and S Johnson. Junior Open Latin: 1, G Jarmain and K Adams; 2, M Rycroft and L Stoves; 3, P Starling and A Davies; 4, M Leak and A Bennett; 5, B Adcock and S Johnson; 6, S Gomes and C Donaldson.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Montreal 9 Chicago 3; Florida 12 New York 2; Houston 11 Philadelphia 5; Colorado 19 Atlanta 8, Cincinnati 2 Los Angeles 1; Pittsburgh 10 San Diego 0; St Louis 9 San Francisco 4 Saturday: Houston 7 Philadelphia 3, Colorado 13 Atlanta 12; San Francisco 4 St Louis 1; New York 7 Florida 6; Chicago 6 Montreal 4, Los Angeles 5 *Cincinnati 4 (10 inns)*; Pittsburgh 9 San Diego 8 *(14 inns)*

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	38	21	.644	—
Montreal	34	26	.567	4½
Florida	30	30	.500	8½
Philadelphia	28	31	.475	10
New York	25	34	.424	13
Central division				
Houston	31	31	.500	—
St Louis	29	31	.483	1
Pittsburgh	27	34	.443	3½
Chicago	26	34	.433	4
Cincinnati	22	32	.407	5
West division				
San Diego	35	26	.590	—
Los Angeles	32	30	.516	4½
San Francisco	30	29	.508	5
Colorado	29	29	.500	5½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 10 Milwaukee 7, Cleveland 4 California 3, Detroit 6 New York 5, Chicago 8 Baltimore 2, Kansas City 9 Seattle 5, Oakland 5 Minnesota 4; Texas 10 Toronto 7 Saturday: Chicago 2 Baltimore 1, Cleveland 5 California 0; Detroit 9 New York 7, Minnesota 4 Oakland 2, Oakland 13 Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 3 Boston 2 (10 innings), Kansas City 12 Seattle 6 Texas 2 Toronto 0

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	24	.579	—
Baltimore	32	25	.561	1
Toronto	30	34	.469	8½
Boston	24	35	.407	10
Detroit	15	46	.246	20
Central division				
Cleveland	39	20	.661	—
Chicago	38	21	.644	1
Minnesota	29	30	.492	10
Milwaukee	27	31	.466	11½
Kansas City	28	33	.459	12
West division				
Texas	37	23	.617	—
Seattle	31	28	.525	5½
Oakland	28	32	.467	9
California	27	32	.458	9½

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-off: Finals: Chicago 92 Seattle 88 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 2-0)

BOWLS

MIDDLETON CUP: Inter-County championship: Group one: Cumbria 108 (7pts), Yorks 117 (15), Durham 110 (4), Notts 138 (18); Lancs 119 (16), Derbys 113 (6), Northumberland 107 (4); Lincs 134 (18). Group two: Cambs 99 (6), Leics 125 (16), Herts 138 (20); Hunts 100 (2), Suffolk 133 (18); Norfolk 112 (4), Warwicks 112 (16), Northants 111 (6). Group three: Berks 126 (18), Sussex 101 (3), Hamps 152 (22), Isle of Wight 76 (0), Middx 114 (4), Kent 125 (18); Surrey 113 (5), Oxon 119 (17). Group four: Cornwall 109 (16), Worcs 105 (6), Devon 100 (2); Wilts 134 (20), Gloucestershire 102 (4), Glouc's 125 (18), Somerset 130 (18); Dorset 109 (4).

BOXING

NEWCASTLE ARENA: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship (12rnds): Naseem Hamed (Sheffield, holder) bt Daniel Alicea (P Rico) ko 2nd. World Boxing Association super-middleweight championship (12rnds): Frankie Liles (US, holder) bt Tim Littles (US) rsc 3rd. Heavyweight (10rnds): Scott Welch (Brighton) bt Mike Middlo (US) rsc 1st; (8rnds): Clinton Mitchell (Derby) bt Levi Billups (US) pts; (8rnds) Wayne Llewellyn (Deptford) bt Dermott Gascoyne (*Sheffield*) rsc 4th. Super-middleweight (10rnds): Robin Reid (Runcorn) bt Mark Dawson (Burton) rsc 5th. *Welterweight (8rnds): Kevan Lueshing* (Beckenham) bt Paul King (Newcastle) ko 2nd, (6rnds): Mark Winters (Antrim) bt Brian *Coleman (Birmingham) pts. (4rnds): Hugh* Davey (Wallsend) bt Craig Lynch (Edinburgh) pts. Lightweight (6rnds): Alan Temple (Hartlepool) bt Micky Hall (Ludworth) rsc 2nd.

LAS VEGAS. World Boxing Council super-lightweight championship (12rnds), Oscar de la Hoya (US) bt Julio Cesar Chavez (Mex, holder) rsc 4th

COLOGNE: World Boxing Organisation light-heavyweight championship (12rnds): *D Mamedkazmov (Ge, holder) bt Christophe Girard (Fr)* pts.

CRICKET

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Old Edwardians CC; Warwickshire 281-8 off 52 overs (M Burns 71, D J Lovell 91, C C Remy 5-66) *Leicestershire 258-4 off 43.4 overs* (D Stevens 97no, S Barlo 50) Warwicks win on faster scoring rate. Old Trafford, Lancashire 175-8, (L J Morland 80) Durham 178-6 (G J Hughes 59). Durham won by four wickets. *The Oval: Surrey 261-7 (J Knott 113) Essex 258-9.* Surrey won by two runs.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Final stage: (170km Sondrio to Milan), 1, S Gulchalkov (Russ) 4hr 43min 04sec; 2, A Svalkov (Russ), 3, A Tchmil (Russ) 4, N Lodo (It); 5, M Sciuto (It) all same time, 6, A Baffi (It) at 17sec. Final overall positions: 1, P Tonkov (Rus, *Panaria-Vinavil) 106hr 20min 33sec*, 2, E Zama (It) at 2min 43sec, 3, A Olano (Sp) 2:57, 4 P Ugrumov (Russ) 3:00, 5, I Gotti (It) 3:36, 6, D *Rebellin (It) 9:15*

CRITERIUM DU DAUPHINE: Final stage: (174km, Bruinson to Grenoble) 1, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) 4hr 27min 54sec, 2 T Rominger (Swe), 3, F Escarin (Sp) both same time, 4, R Virenque (Fr) at 4sec, 5, S Heulot (Fr) 24, 6, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto) 35; 7, C Boardman (GBI 41. Final overall positions: 1, Indurain 30hrs 57min 49sec, 2, Rominger at 1min 21sec, 3, Virenque 1.32, 4, Heulot 4:49; 5, Boardman 5.49; 6, Escarin 6.48

ROAD RACES: Five Valleys (BCF Premier Calendar, Port Talbot, 93 6m) 1, C Walker (*Mill Management*) 3hr 46min 15sec, 2, J Tanner (*Sell Always-Peugeot*) same time, 3, M McKay (*Team Ambrosia*) at 1.35sec. **Bronte Wheelers** (Keighley, 60 miles) 1, D Coulson (*JE James RT*) 2.29.58, 2, P Longbottom (N Wirral Velo) same time, 3, J Eyre (Maltby CC) at 50sec. **British Universities Sports Association** championship (Evesham, 81m) 1, R Lyne (West of England) 3:20.00, 2, J Henderson (Oxford) same time, 3, I Mountain (Manchester) at 1:20

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC women's national 25-mile championship (York) 1, Y McGregor (*North Wirral Velo*) 56min 25sec, 2, M Purves (North Wirral Velo) 59.01, 3, M Johnson (Cundle Velo) 59.05. Team, *Swaledale CC 3 04:51, Aberdeen and Dist CA* (100m)' 1, D Gibson (GS Modena) 4.02.00; 2, M Brackenbury (Grampian *Veterans) 4:29.07*, 3, J Dix (*Aberdeen Wheelers*) 4:31.40. Team: Ythan CC 14.02.57 **Southern Counties CU** (Crawley, *50m) 1, C Smith (Old Portlians CC) 1.52.40* (course record), 2, S Kennedy (Bec CC) 1.54.41; 3, N James (Sydenham Wheelers) 1.54.49. Team: Old Portlians CC 5.58.14. **Border City Wheelers** (Carlisle, 50m) 1, C Miller (Clevelevs, RC) 1.51.52 (course record); 2, A Williinson (Port Sunlight Wheelers) 1.53.08, 3, D Watts (Halifax RC) 1.54.49. Team: Barrow Central Wheelers 5.56.37. **Northumbrian RC** (Seaton Burn, 50m)' 1, G Bell (Cramlington CC) 1.53.54; 2, *P Newman (GS Metro) 1.58.11*, 3, D Arkenhead (GS Metro) 2.00.07. Team: GS Metro 5.57.37. **Sussex CA** (Arundel, 50m)' 1, *M Jones (GS Stella) 1.54.46*, 2, *J Pegg* (Charlotteville CC) 1.57.54, 3, C Lord (Brighton Excelsior) 1.58.07. Team: GS Stella 5.58.11. **Bynea CC** (Llandovery, 50m) 1, C Wallace (Hawaun Wheelers) 1.55.02, 2, K Bartlemore (Asme Wheelers) 2.01.32; 3, M Voros (Bynea CC) 2.01.37. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers 6.22.28. **Speedwell BC** (Shropshire, mountain, 45m)' 1, G Birch (Parker International RT) 1.54.27, 2, M Biggs (Nonom CRT) 1.56.29, 3, R *Marson* (Warwickshire RC) 2.01.03. Team: Warwickshire RC 6.14.36. **Rutland CC** (Sheffield, 25m) 1, J Richards (JE *James RT)* 52.36, 2, *E Adlums (Lea RC)* 52.49, 3, N Walker (JE James RT) 52.56. Team: JE James RT 2.42.07. **Hull Thursday RC** (25m) 1, J Wainman (Hull Thursday RC) 52.54 (course and event record), 2, J Duncan (Pendle Forest CC) 55.04, 3, L Holmes (Morley CC) 55.13. Team: Hull Thursday RC 2.48.03. **Metropolitan Police CC** (Sawston, Cambridgeshire, 25m)' 1, I Cammish (Vale Vernon) 53.39, 2, L Palmer (Witham and District CC) 55.09, 3, K Andrewartha (Met Police CC) 55.51. Chester RC (25m) 1, S York (Mid Shropshire Wheelers) 54.30; 2, P Whittall (VC Halton) 56.51, 3, K Turnor (Team Excel) 56.44. Team: Mid Shropshire Wheelers 2.56.31. **Glossop Velo RC** (25m) 1, J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 55.25, 2, S Hulme (Team Froetown) 56.06; 3, T Farrell (Team Westmead '88) 57.08. Team: Merseyside Wheelers 3.57.23. **Glasgow United CC** (25m)' 1, D Nicholson (Thistle RC) 56.10; 2, R McLean (Carnoustie CC) 57.42, 3, D Barnes (Dunfermline and District CC) 58.27. Team: Thistle RC 2.58.50. **Guildfield CC** (25m)' 1, P Hodgkinson (Crowe Clarion Wheelers) 56.14, 2, G Watts (Team Rapide) 56.57, 3, S Phillips (Pendle Forest CC) 57.17. Team: Team Rapide 3.00.28. **Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire CA** (Irvine, 25m) 1, R Todd (GS Modena) 57.08, 2, P Rennie (Wallacehill CC) 1.00.27; 3, W McFarlane (*Fullarton Wheelers) 1.00.34*. Team: Fullarton Wheelers 3.03.50. **Solomis CC** (Southampton, 25m)' 1, W Thomas (Solonia CC) 57.28, 2, P Fawcett (Bournemouth Jubilee Wh) 57.30; 3, D Dent (Portsmouth North End CC) 57.36. Team: *Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers 2.54.56*. **West Suffolk Wheelers** (sporting, 25m)' 1, R Boundy (CC Breckland) 58.51; 2, S Lyons (*VC Norwich*) 59.55; 3, A Jardine (Warwickshire RC) 59.09. RAF CC (Crathorne, North Yorkshire, 10m)' 1, C Newton (North Wirral Velo) 20.48, 2, *P Widdicmth (Maddridge CRT)* 21.28; 3, D Cook (Maddridge CRT) 22.05. Team: RAF CC 1.08.52. **Finsbury Park CC** (50m)' 1, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 1.43.16 (course record); 2, G Digneon (Lea RC) 1.43.40, 3, Z Carr (Lea RC) 1.45.00. Team: Lea RC 5.16.18

EQUESTRIANISM

BRAMHAM, Yorkshire: Three-day event: Leading final positions: 1 *Forest Glen (Mark Stark, GB)* 58.6pts; 2, Trevor du Cochet (P de Bastard, Fr) 62.6, 3, *Crusoway* (L Law GB) 62.6; 4, Bally Cotton (S Longshaw GB) 64.2; 5, Word Perfect II (C Bartle, GB) 64.2, 6, Lesmoro Lord Charles (W Fox Pit, GB) 66.95. Yorkshire Post National Young Riders Championship: 1, Heron's Flight (L Kempley) 52.05; 2, *Work of Art (K Hynd)* 54.4; 3, Metronome (B Richardson) 69.2

GOLF

FOREST OF ARDEN: Alamo English Open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 278: R Allenby (Aus), 69, 71, 69, 69, 279: C Montgomerie 75, 68, 68, 68, R McFarlane 69, 71, 70, 69, 283: P-U Johansson (Swe) 72, 69, 72, 70, D Clarke 71, 73, 69, 70, P Mitchell 70, 68, 73, 72, 284: M Tunnicliff 76, 69, 69, 70, A Kankkonen (Fin) 72, 72, 69, 71, *A Oldcorn 66, 71, 73*, 74, 285: H Buhrmann (SA) 72, 70, 75, 68; J Haeggman (Swe) 72, 72, 70, 71, 286: P Price 75 *67 76 68, R Coles 76 69 73 68*: M Harwood 71 73 71 71, G Turner (NZ) 76, 68, 70, 72; M Welch 72, 69, 72, 73; T Bjorn (Den) 72, 70, 69, 75; R Goosen (SA) 74, 69, 68, 75, 287: P Walton 73, 71, 73, 70, C Hall 68, 76, 71, 72, J Payne 73, 69, 72, 73, S Webster 72, 68, 73, 74, N Fasm (Swe) 71, 72, 69, 75, 288: D Carter 75, 71, 74, 68, D Gilford 73, 73, 73, 69, G Evans 73, 70, 75, 70, E Grauid (Fr) 71, 70, 76, 71, M Davie 70, 73, 72, 73, S Tinning (Den) 70, 68, 75, 75, D Hospital (Sp) 70, 71, 72, 75, 289: M Campbell (NZ) 71, 73, 72, 73, R Dinsdale 76, 66, 71, 76, 290: D Robertson 73, 71, 76, 70; J M Canizares (Sp) 73, 73, 74, 70, J Haggins 72, 70, 76, 72, S Ames (Tnn) 72, 71, 75, 72; M Lennor (Swe) 74, 72, 72, 72, M Bosancency (Fr) 70, 68, 76, 75, P Fulke (Swe) 70, 70, 74, 76, 291: M Gronberg (Swe) 71, 74, 74, 72, P Affleck 67, 76, 74, R Russell 71, 72, 74, 74, M Mackenzie 72, 72, 71, 76, 292: R Wessels (SA) 73, 71, 77, 71, P Golding 74, 72, 75, 71, R Burns 69, 73, 77, 73, M Roe 73, 73, 73, P McGinley 69, 73, 75, 75, J Robson 70, 73, 74, 75, T Johnslone (Zim) 74, 71, 72, 75; M Dummond 75, 71, 76, 71, A Cabrera (Arg) 75, 69, 75, 74, M James 74, 67, 75, 77

NEW YORK: Buick Classic tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 200: E Els (SA) 65, 66, 69, 206: T Herron 68, 70, 68, 206: S Ellington (Aus) 66, 72, 70, C Parry (Aus) 70, 66, 72, 209 F Funk 72 70 67, *B Faxon 70 72 67*; T Lehman 71, 71, 67, 210: J Maggert 74, 68, 68; M Reid 66, 71, 73, D Frost (SA) 67, 69, 74, 211: *J Sindelar 76, 68, 67; C Pavin 72, 71*, 68, G Kraft 71, 68, 72; W Austin 70, 68, 73; K Sutherland 68, 69, 74; G Norman (Aus) 65, 72, 74, 212: *L Rocca (It) 67, 76, 69*; J Sluman 70, 72, 70, M Hulbert 73, 69, 70; H Sutton 69, 70, 73. Other scores: 213: V Singh (Fiji) 77, 67, 69, 215: H Sasaki (Japan) 71, 74, 70, N Faldo (GB) 71, 71, 73, 216: A Aswal (India) 67, 76, 73; W Grady (Aus) 70, 74, 72

LA MOYE: Seniors Open: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 202: M Bembridge 68, 67, 67, 208: R Bernardini (It) 70, 69, 70; A Croce (It) 67, 68, 73, V Tshabalala (SA) 65, 73, 71; D Hush 68, 70, 71, 210: D Butler 69, 71, 70, R Campagnoli (It) 68, 70, 72, B Wailes 71, 70, 69, 212: M Gregson 69, 72, 71, P Leonard 74, 67, 71, 213: L Haggas 72, 70, 71, J Morgan 67, 75, 71, 214: T Horton 68, 73, 73, B Huggett 71, 74, 69, 215: D Creamer 73, 67, 75, B Verwey (SA) 72, 70, 73, A Garrido (Sp) 73, 72, 70, D Simon (US) 73, 70, 72, H Inggs (SA) 68, 74, 73

MIDWAY, Pennsylvania: Senior classic tournament: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 135: T Weskopf 68, 67, 138: B Eastwood 69, 69, 139: D Eichelberger 70, 69, H Irwin 71, 68, 140: K Zarley 72, 68, 141: J Paul Cain 73, 68, V Fernandez 72, 69, J C Snead 70, 71; G Marsh (Aus) 74, 67, 142: B Barnes 70, 72, L Laoreti 74, 68; G Player (SA) 73, 69, R Thompson 72, 69, 143: J Jimenez 73, 70, A Palmer 69, 74, B Smith 74, 69, J McGee 73, 70. Other scores: 144: I Aoki (Japan) 72, 72, 145: A Jacklin (GB) 71, 74

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ROWING

LUCERNE: Olympic qualifying regatta: Qualifiers: Men: Single sculls: 1, F Bekken (*Norl Grnn 57 66sec*; 2, *D Cameron (Aus)* 6.57.96, 3, P Haning (GB) 6.59.36. Lightweight double sculls: 1, Italy 6.19.72; 2, *Great Britain (N Strange, A Seton)* 6.21.86; 3, New Zealand 6.24.40. Lightweight fours: 1, Ireland (N Mackrell, A O'Connor, *S Lynch, D Holland)* 6.02.45, 2, France 6.02.69. Quadruple sculls: 1, Switzerland 5.42.71, 2 Russia 5.43.10, 3, *Norway 5.47.24* **Eights:** 1, Canada 5.25.26, 2, Australia 5.28.56; 3, France 5.31.86 **Women: Single sculls:** 1, N Garrod (Fr) 7.37.46; 2, B Salakovlene (Ukr) 7.40.62; 3, A Svaser (Gre) 7.42.48. **Eights:** 1, Great Britain (A Stapleton, L Eyre, D Blackie, k Pollett, M Bowen, C Bishop, J Turvey, stroke A Gill, cox S Ellis) 6min 00.13sec; 2, Australia 6.04.48, 3, China 6.11.79. **Coxless pairs:** 1, Holland 7.22.13; 2, Great Britain (K Mackenzie, P Cross) 7.26.67; 3, Lithuania 7.29.73. **Lightweight double sculls:** 1, Romania 6.52.60; 2, Greece 7.07.45, 3, Great Britain (A Brownless, J Hall) 7.08.72. **Double sculls:** 1, *United States 6.52.14*; 2, Norway 6.55.52; 3, Switzerland 7.00.11. **Quadruple sculls:** 1, Australia 6.13.70; 2, Ukraine 6.13.88; 3, Romania 6.15.91

DOCKLANDS REGATTA: Saturday: Men: Eights: **Open:** Imperial College and Queens Tower. **Senior I:** Walingford. **Senior II:** Thames; **Senior III:** St Paul's School Fours: **Coxless:** Open: Imperial College **Senior I:** Molesey **Senior II:** Exeter University. **Coxed:** University of London **Senior I:** London **Senior II:** St Paul's School **Senior III:** Latymer Upper School. **Coxless Pairs: Open:** Notts and Union **Senior I:** Staines. **Senior II:** St Paul's School School **Sculling: Quads:** Open: UL and London and Walton. **Senior II:** Star and Arrow **Doubles:** Open: Kingston **Singles:** Open: TSS (Wake) **Senior I:** Kingston (Greenaway) **Senior II:** Walton (McKenzie) **Senior III:** TSS (Perry) **Novice:** Molesey (Musk) **lightweight:** Kingston (Ross) **Junior events: Coxless Pair:** Bedford School **Sculls:** Poolar (Hunter) **Under-16:** RAF (Currie) **Women: Eights:** Open: Thames. **Senior I:** Marlow **Senior II:** Nottingham University **Fours: Coxless:** Open: University of London. **Coxed:** Open: London. **Senior I:** Thames. **Senior II:** Exeter University **Senior III:** Neptune **Novice: Fours: Coxless:** Open: Imperial College and Queens Tower **Senior I:** TTRC. **Senior II:** UWE. **Coxed:** Open: London. **Senior I:** Thames. **Senior II:** Exeter University **Senior III:** Neptune **Novice:** UWE. **Coxless pairs: Open:** Isis **Senior I:** Walton **Quads: Open:** London and Walton **Senior II:** Imperial College Queens Tower **Open doubles: Kingston. Singles:** Open: TSS (Wake) **Senior I:** Walton (McKenzie); **Senior II:** UL (Monnickendam) **Senior III:** TSS (Minale) **Novice:** Neptune (Boyle) **Lightweight:** Vesta (Hone). **Women's Eights:** Open Imperial College. **Senior I,** Thames **Senior II:** *Trident. College: Nottingham University* **Fours: Coxless:** Open: UL WBC. **Coxed:** Senior I: Grosvenor **Senior II:** Exeter *University. Senior III: Trident College:* UMDS **Coxless Pairs:** Open: Nottingham University. **Lightweight:** TTRC and Bedford School **Double sculls:** Open: *Kingston* **Lightweight:** Star **Singles:** Open: Thames (Lavenck). **Senior III:** Bedford (Bowes) **Lightweight:** Thames (Van Leemputten)

SCHOOLS SPORT

BOXING: Amateur International (Camden, *London Irish Centre)*: Wales *v* England (England names first) J King lost to T Price pts. S Price bt M Allen pts: T Wilton lost to N King pts: S Yates bt *J Edmonds rsc 1st*: T Khan bt T James rsc 3rd; M Reeney lost to B Edmonds pts, D Cook bt M Woodward ko 1st; k Purcell bt A Ali pts, M Marsh bt P Maksimovic pts, B Dodd bt H James pts, D Hunt bt A Hay pts; M Weatherhead bt W Stratford rsc 2nd; J Evans bt D Hawes pts, A Barratt bt D Ford pts)

CRICKET: *The More CC 187-2 Maidstone GS 97-8. *Culford 188-7 dec St Joseph's, Ipswich 191-2. *Westminster 129 Chigwell 130-3; Alleyne's 286-7 dec Emanuel 227, KCS Wimbledon 151 *Kingston GS 100; Wellington 187 *Sherborne 177-8; *Cheltenham 258-8 dec Repton 230-8, *Radley 171-6 dec Marlborough 93; Eton 236-1 *dec (H Dixon 102, H Loudon 106 no)* King Edward's, Birmingham 49, Bancroft's 189-7dec *St Dunstan's 194, Band of Brothers 261-9dec *Tonbridge 264-3 (J Pyemont 112); Bishop's Stortford Col 202-9dec *Framingham 204-4 (M Truman 104no); Bradford GS 154 *Woodhouse Grove 123-7, *Brighton 198-5dec (A J Nichol 100no) Cranleigh 143-4 (Rain), *Christ's Hosp 239-9dec LJ A Cordery 102) Whitgift 163-5, *Clifton 178 Taunton 177-2, *Dean Close 258-4dec (A Thomson 124) Daunsey's 262-5 (D Bell 108) (* denotes home team)

JUDO: World schools championships (Belfort, France) Friday: Girls 1, France (UNSS): 2, France (Federation), 3, GB (BSJA plus trophy); 4, Inter Region, 5, Romania, 6, Poland. Saturday: Boys: 1 France (Federation); 2, Germany 3, Romania; 4, France (UNSS); equal 5 GB plus trophy and Switzerland

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Finals: Singles: Men: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Stich (Ger) 7-6, 7-5, 7-6 Women: S Graf (Ger) bt A *Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 6-3, 6-7, 10-8 Junior* men: A Martin (Sp) bt B Rehnquist (Swe) 6-3, 7-6 Junior women: A Mauresmo (Fr) bt M Shaughnessy (US) 6-0, 6-4 Doubles: Men: Y Kafelnikov (Rus) and D Vacek (Cz) bt G Forget (Fr) and J Hasek (Swe) 6-2, 6-3 Women: L Davenport (US) and M J Fernandez (US) bt G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Bel) 6-2, 6-1 Junior women: A Canepa and G Casoni (It) bt A Koumikova (Rus) and L Varmuzova (San Marino) 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 Mixed doubles: P Tarabini and J Frana (Arg) bt N Arendt and L Jensen (US) 6-2, 6-2.

WEST KIRBY: International tournament: Singles: Men: Semi-finals: J Bates (GB) bt M Joyce (US) 6-4, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt P Cash (Aus) 6-1, 7-6.

BECKENHAM BECKENHAM Open Final: Men: M Petchey (GB) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-2, 6-8 Women: C Wood (GB) bt M Venio (Ven) 6-3, 6-2

ATHLETICS

Guardian Insurance British Athletics League: Hendon: First division: 100m: A: 1, S Turay (Thames Valley) 10.48sec, 2, A Condon (Sale) 10.65; 3, D Chambers (Haringey) 10.71. **B:** H Korjie (Belgrave) 10.70. **200m:** A: 1, J John (Birchfield) 21.51, 2, Condon 21.67; 3, T *Rutherford (Cardiff)* 21.86. **B:** A Walcott (Belgrave) 21.71. **400m:** A: 1, S McHardy (Birchfield) 48.11; 2, M *Gray (Cardiff)* 48.63; 3, *R Edu (Shaftesbury* Barnet) 49.02. **B:** D Savage (Sale) 48.11. **800m:** A: 1, M Yates (Belgrave) 1min 50.10sec, 2, A Duke (Thames Valley) 1:50.36; 3, J Swift-Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 1:51.09. **B:** E Calvert (Thames Valley) 1:51.45. **1,500m:** A: 1, L Cadwallader (Sale) 3:49.30; 2, S Mosley (Cardiff) 3:51.14; 3, M Shewyn (Birchfield) 3:51.55. **B:** Yates 3:55.59. **5,000m:** A: 1, P Roden (Sale) 14.16.15; 2, D Bannister (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14:19.15; 3, M Clarkson (Birchfield) 14:41.98. **B:** M Bulstridge (Birchfield) 14:44.90. **3,000m steeplechase:** A: 1, C Stephenson (Cardiff) 8.54.8; 2, A Crossan (Haringey) 8:58.7; 3, N Smart (Sale) 9:26.7. **B:** P Cook (Cardiff) 9:16.6. *110m hurdles: A: 1, M Nicholson* (Birchfield) 14.56sec; 2, E Hamson (Thames Valley) 14.93; 3, G Hughes (Liverpool) 15.71. **B:** G Dunson (Shaftesbury Barnet) 14.57. **400m hurdles** A:1, P Hibberi (Birchfield) 50.86; 2, L Lynch (Haringey) 51.27; 3, D Savage (Sale) 52.67. **B:** T Gwynn (Birchfield) 52.75. **4 x 100m relay:** 1, Thames Valley 40.52; 2, Haringey 40.64; 3, Belgrave 40.75. *4 x 400m relay:* 1, Thames Valley 3min 14.19sec, 2, Birchfield 3.18.61, 3, Belgrave 3.18.19. **High jump:** A: 1, T Peacock (Liverpool) 2.15m; 2, C Bent (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2.15m; equal 3, I Gidley (Sale) and M Huggins (Thames Valley) 2.05. **B:** I Holliday (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2.05m. **Pole vault:** A: 1, M Edwards (Belgrave) 5.40m; 2, K Hughes (Haringey) 5.30m; 3, N Winter (Shaftesbury Barnet) 5.20m. **B:** I Tullett (Belgrave) 5.20m. **Long jump:** A: 1, S Phillips (Birchfield) 7.65m, 2, O Onuah (Shaftesbury Barnet) 7.43m; 3, M Ogbeta (Sale) 7.11m. **B:** S Faulkner (*Birchfield) 7.50m. Triple jump:* A: 1, T Eregbogbo (Birchfield) 15.91m; 2, C Charles (Thames Valley) 15.24m; 3, K Ible (*Shaftesbury Barnet) 14.77m.* **B:** J Wallis (Birchfield) 14.61m. **Shot:** A: 1, S Pickering (Haringey) 19.23m; 2, L Newman (Belgrave) 16.58m; 3, S Whyte (*Thames Valley)* 15.49m. **B:** D Callaway (Haringey) 16.65m. **Discus:** A: 1, R Weir (Birchfield) 57.46m, 2, K Brown (Belgrave) 54.96m; 3, N Thompson (Shaftesbury Barnet) 51.04m. **B:** D Morris (Belgrave) 48.14m. **Hammer:** A: 1, M Jones (Shaftesbury Barnet) 71.66m; 2, D Smith (Belgrave) 71.26m, 3, W Beauchamp (*Thames Valley)* 62.30m. **B:** P Spivey (Belgrave) 63.08m. **Javelin:** A: 1, N Naland (Shaftesbury Barnet) 75.76m; 2, N Bevan (Belgrave) 68.76m; 3, M Roberson (Haringey) 66.44m. **B:** A Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 64.92m. **Match result:** 1, Birchfield *323.5*, 2, *Thames* Valley 316, 3, Belgrave 306.4, Shaftesbury Barnet 299.5, Sale 290, 6, Haringey 276, 7, Cardiff 210.5, 8, Liverpool *171*. *Athlete-of-the-Match:* M Jones (Shaftesbury Barnet) **Overall positions:** 1, Birchfield 14pts, 2, Belgrave 13, 3, Sale 12 (64 pts); 4, Thames Valley 12 (59.7), 5, Shaftesbury Barnet 8, 6, Cardiff 6; 7, Haringey 4; 8, Liverpool 3

NEWPORT: Second division (winners): 100m J Thomas (Woodford Green) 11.10sec 200m: M Affakh (Newham and Essex Beagles) 21.56 400m: A Francis (Newham and Essex Beagles) 47.49, 800m: A Balogun (Woodford Green) 1min 53.17sec 1,500m: P Larkins (Newham and Essex Beagles) 3.54.03 5,000m: A Eynon (Swansea) 14.41.82 3,000m steeplechase: A Green (Woodford Green) 9.05.58, *110m hurdles:* D Greaves (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14.70sec 400m hurdles: G Jennings (Newham and Essex Beagles) 53.20. *4 x 100m relay:* Woodford Green 42.07 4 x 400m relay: Woodford Green 3min 14.34sec **High jump:** P Burraway (Hounslow) 2.05m *Pole vault:* T Thomas (Swansea) 5.00m, **Long jump:** C Davison (Newham and Essex Beagles) 7.54m **Triple jump:** N McMenemy (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14.48m **Shot:** M Proctor (Newham and Essex Beagles) 17.20m. **Discus:** C Simmons (Hounslow) 45.58m **Hammer:** P Head (*Newham and Essex* Beagles) 71.86m (division record) **Javelin:** S Harrison (Blackheath) 64.32m. **Match result:** 1, Newham and Essex Beagles 367pts; 2, Woodford Green 345; 3, Swansea 297; 4, City of Stoke 285, 5, *Blackheath 261*; 6, Hounslow *247*; 7, Old Gaytonians 236; 8, Crawley 87 **Athlete-of-the-match:** T Thomas (Swansea) **Overall positions:** 1, Woodford Green 14 (690); 2, Newham and Esser Beagles 14 (654); 3, Blackheath 12; 4, Swansea 11, 5, City of Stoke 8; 6, Hounslow 7; 7, Old Gaytonians 4; 8, Crawley 2.

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Radiography (Principles of Magnetic Resonance): MSc 36PT, PGDip 18PT, PGCert 12
Radiography/Radiotherapy: MSc 36PT, PGDip 18PT, PGCert 12PT

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Mammography: PGCert 12PT April/October: Adrienne Finch Tel: 01707 284964
Medical Imaging Science (Ultrasound, Magnetic Resonance or Radio Nuclide Imaging): MSc 24PT December/January, PGDip 12PT December/January, PGCert 12PT December/January: *Adrienne Finch Tel: 01707 284964*
Pharmacological and Clinical Sciences: MSc 24PT 48PT (evenings), PGDip 24PT 48PT (evenings): Tracy Hart Tel: 01707 284503 Fax: 01707 284514
Radiographic Reporting: PGCert 9PT April: Neil Prime Tel: 01707 284966
Radiography (Diagnostic): MSc 24PT 48PT (evenings), PGDip 24PT 48PT (evenings): Tracey Arnold Tel: 01707 284503
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London: Institute of Child Health
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Cardiac Surgery: PGDip 9FT
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Paediatric Cardiology: PGDip 9FT
Respiratory Medicine: MSc 12FT/24FT
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London: Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine
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Clinical Parasitology: MSc 24PT
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London: Royal Postgraduate Medical School
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Cardiology: PGDip 9FT
Internal Medicine: PGDip (S) 9FT
Medical Imaging: PGDip 9FT
Nephrology: PGDip 9FT
Nuclear Medicine: MSc 12FT 24PT
Obstetrics and Gynaecology: PGDip (S) 6FT November
Perinatal Paediatrics: PGDip 9FT
Surgical Science: MSc 12FT

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London: United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St. Thomas's Hospitals
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Sports Medicine: MSc 24PT: Prof A Wallace Tel: 0115 970 9407 Fax: 0115 951 3666

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Medical Sciences: DMedSc 36-48FT 60-72PT
Radiation Science: MSc 12FT 24PT, PGDip 9FT 12PT, PGCert 9FT 12PT

Wales: Cardiff Institute (U of Wales)
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Dermatology: MSc 6FT July: Ms Liz Harmer Tel: 01222 744141 Fax: 01222 742914
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Allied Domecq	469	- 15	6.3	17.8
Bulmer (H P)	577	- 3	5.7	18.1
Burn Stewart	1035	- 2	5.8	23.4
Glenmorangie A	645		2.4	16.3
Grand Met	529½	- 6½	4.5	17.3
Greenalls	447	- 16½	4.2	14.6
Highland Dist	375	+ 1	5.7	17.5
Macallan-Glen	174	+ 5	1.0	35.7
Matthew Clark	736	- 11	3.5	
Morrison Bs	725	+ 1	5.5	15.1
SA Breweries	1931½	- 12½	1.9	

BANKS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
ABN-AMRO	3512½	- 31½	3.9	12.5
Abbey Nat	940	- 13	5.0	10.4
Allied Irish	948		5.0	10.1
Aqs Nov 7	287	- 13	6.4	7.1
Bank Austria	5100	+ 200		
Bank Scotland	354½	- 4½	3.2	11.1
Barclays	781	+ 10	4.3	10.0
Bk of Ireland	456		4.2	
Cater Allen	394		9.5	6.5
Close Bros	1381	+ 2	3.0	16.9
Consvnsvnk	2133½	- 16½	3.8	
Dai Ichi Kan Y	1175		0.4	
Deutsche Bk	3043½	- 18½	4.5	
Espirito Santo	763½	- 3½	4.7	10.2
Fuji Bank Y	1400½	+ ½	0.4	
Gerrard Nat	398	- 1	7.6	11.9
Hambros	723	- 3	4.1	
HSBC	980½	- 2½	4.1	10.4
HSBC HK	973½	- 6	4.1	10.4
Irish Perm	394	- 2	3.2	10.8
Kleinwort Ben	1171		6.6	13.3
Lloyds TSB	396	- 7	3.2	13.5
Nat Aust Bk	2362	- 19	7.5	7.4
Nat West	817	- 6½	5.1	8.6
Rbs Brothers	58		2.2	27.5
Rbt Bk Scot†	506	- 13	4.2	11.2
Royal Bk Scot†	1118	+ ½	4.2	23.1
Schroders	1340	- 16	1.5	18.6
Schroders NV	1858	- 15	1.9	14.8
Singer & Fried	697	- ½	4.9	27.1
Standard Chart	657	+ 15	2.1	14.4
Union	98		3.8	
Wells Fargo	2160½	+ 23½	2.1	
Westpac	2057½	- 19	4.8	
Wingar	203		4.8	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Alpha Sft HO	36			7.5
Arena	374	+ 13		
Bass	809	+ 4	3.6	17.4
Bet for the Bdr	40	- 5	5.2	10.5
Burgwood Inv	162		4.2	15.7
City Centre Rest	119	+ 2	4.2	25.5
Compass Gp	596	+ 18½	1.7	28.3
Eldridge P A©	250	+ 11	2.2	17.2
Fuller Sm A©	513		2.1	30.2
Greenalls Grp	531	- 6	3.2	15.8
Hillsdown Hldg	268	- 7	3.7	16.4
Hpbl	736	- 11	3.5	
Mowden Wt	125	+ 1	3.2	
SA Breweries	1931½	- 12½	1.9	

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
AAF Ints	30			
Abbey	872		3.6	11.2
Allen	294		2.6	13.1
Azanet	114	+ ½	2.6	23.1
Andrews Sykes	400	+ 31	1.2	
Arbuthnot	187		1.7	16.2
Aveyside	38		3.3	
Bailey (Ben) Cont	29		3.4	12.4
Barcon	55	+ 1	1.8	
Barratt Dws	252		3.9	15.8
Bcurer Homes	186	- 3	4.0	15.1
Bellway	928	+ 10½	3.8	16.3
Bellamah	30			
Bradstey Gp	592	+ 3	1.7	18.2
Brit Bros	139	- 1	4.9	5.8
Boor (Henry)†	235		4.0	10.2
Brandon Hire	123	- 2	2.3	17.9
Bskenton Gp	25		8.0	
Bt Bldg & Eng	46	+ 3		
Bryant	124	- 1	5.1	15.0
Cala	108	+ 10	3.8	11.8
Campbell & Asn	12	- 2		9.5
Clarke T	32		9.8	
Costain	78			
Countrywide	77	- 4	5.0	
Crest Nicholson	76		3.3	25.2
Cwcorn	85		5.7	
Eve Group	135	- 5	8.8	7.3
Galliford	21	- ½	9.5	21.5
Gibbcock (MJ)†	858		2.2	15.9
Green (Ernest)	48		7.0	
Havelock Europ	339		1.9	25.1
Hawdon-Stuart†	132½	- 17	2.8	14.7
Higgs & Hill	85	- 4	3.6	
Hillsdown Hldgs	20		5.0	16.2
Jones	92	+ 1		
Keller	170		3.1	14.5
Laing (J)	316	- 1	3.6	
Laing Ltns 'A' Cv Pf	115	- ½	7.0	
Lovell (Yt)	194			
Maunders (J)	211		3.4	13.2
McAlpine (A)	166	- 6	5.3	
McCarthy & St	81	+ 2	3.5	12.2
Morgan Sindall	115		1.9	14.4
Northern Const	161	- 1	3.3	15.9
Nowlan (JH)	92	+ 2	2.7	
Persimmon	234	+ 4	5.1	18.4
Pochins	100	- 10	2.0	10.1
Ransomes	125		3.5	
Rmc Group	1054			
Rohm Hst	164½			
Redrow	142	- 1	2.8	15.6
Secure Retire	53	- 2	2.4	10.8
Sheriff Hldgs†	297	- 8	3.0	10.8
Shanks	86		5.1	13.9
Speyside	378		0.9	23.1
Tay Homes	151	- 1	5.6	13.6
Taylor Woodrow	158	- 1	2.3	23.8
Tilbury Douglas	490	+ 10	5.6	14.7
Try Group	15			
Warnpiece	86	- 1	5.9	6.5
Warnhomes	101	+ 1	5.7	
Ward Hldgs	48	+ 2½	4.2	6.7
Westbury†	218	+ 1	3.5	
Wiggins	6½	- ½		56.8
Wilson (C)	178	- 3	3.2	
Wilson Bowden	438	- 1	2.5	
Wimpey G	141		4.9	

BUILDING MATERIALS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Albrighton A	8	+ 2		
BPB Ind	320	+ 2	3.6	14.8
Baggeridge Bs	116	+ 5	3.4	15.2
Bardon	39	+ ½	3.8	
Blockleys†	56	- 1		
Blue Circle†	359	+ 7	4.4	19.4
Brandon PLC	90	- 1	6.7	14.7
Br Dredging	127	- 1	5.5	14.7
Cbr	614	- 1	1.9	18.5
Chelmsford Rbr†	2		5.0	
Cape	186	- 1	5.3	11.9
Caradon	292	- 1	5.1	23.8
Caradon pf	117	- ½	7.7	
Chrehlish Gp	34	+ 9	3.7	
Cookson (US)	1103		2.7	15.1
Dyson 'A'	81		6.2	6.7
Egmont	421	+ 1	5.0	14.3
Fibre	153	+ 6		
Gibbs & Dandy	87		5.8	9.0
Graham Gp	161	+ 2	4.4	
Halstead (J)	396	- 1	2.7	17.3
Hepworth†	297	- 3	3.3	16.6
Hoverton	62		9.2	12.7
Hoyles Wm	238	- 3	3.2	10.8
Ibstock W	97½	- ½	3.7	9.5
Johnson†	473	+ 33	2.9	
Lilleshall	74		8.2	9.5
Marley	142	+ 5	4.2	15.9
Marshalls	168	+ 8	4.8	14.2
Meyer Int	417	- 8	3.4	15.8
Newman Tnks	134	- 3	6.4	15.6
Norcros	101	+ 4		
Phoenix Timber	20			22.9
Pilkington	197½	+ ½	3.0	
Polypipe	203	+ 5	4.9	18.8
Ransomes	125	- 2	2.3	17.9
Rmc Group†	1054		5.4	
Rugby Group	120	- ½	4.2	11.5
Ruskin	142	- 2	5.6	
Russell (A)	265		3.7	17.7
Sig	227	- 5	3.6	
Sthn	32½			
Sharpe & Fisher†	192		3.4	15.8
Spring Ram	164½	- 1½		
Stanmore Hldgs	238	- 6	5.4	
Tarmac†	127	- 2	4.9	19.1
Thorn†	125	- 4	6.4	20.8
Travis Perkins	434	+ 6	2.7	18.5
Tunkin†	38	- 1	3.3	17.2
Waterhouse©	31			
Wellaway†	457	+ 10	2.7	16.2

CHEMICALS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Albright & Wil	184		4.4	
Allied Colloids	131	+ 4	2.8	22.3
Amber Ind	160		4.4	10.4
Anderley Gp	65	+ 2	1.7	27.4
BASF 04	6178½	+ 17½	3.3	
BOC	992	- 1	3.6	17.4
BTP	285	- 10	4.8	16.8
Bayer DM50	2125	- 55p	2.3	
Brent Chems	169		2.3	
Br Vita	321	+ 5	4.5	17.8
Cambrig (Wm)	251		4.0	18.2
Courtaulds†	420	- ½	4.7	20.9
Crodal	355		3.6	15.6
Dodlen	370	+ 1	3.1	15.4
Elks & Everard	280		3.9	14.9
Ecn Colour	77	- 2	3.8	
Gibbons	174		4.7	12.5
Hickson	75	- 3	3.3	16.1
Hoechst	2178½	- 9½	2.9	25.2
Holliday Chem	139		3.5	16.3
ICI	947	- 5	4.4	12.1
Imtec	310	- 23	2.6	13.1
Kalon	139	- 1	4.3	
Laporte	719	- 19	4.9	17.3
Meiden	379	- 21	5.2	12.8
Metchem	99	+ 3	2.4	13.6
Metrotect	29		6.5	
Povair	425	- 5	1.6	23.7
Scapa	203	+ 3	3.3	16.6
Scottish Spedt	93		1.9	28.9
Leeds Chem	1056½	- 13	0.8	15.1
Williams R	1048	- 15	2.9	16.1
York Chem	265	- 2	3.8	16.5
Yule Catsf	398	+ 38	2.5	19.7

DISTRIBUTORS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Ash Lds	104		5.3	12.2
Adam & Harvey	325	- 10	6.5	4.9
Alexanders	17		2.5	
Appleyard	109		7.1	
Ass Br Eng	39½		2.0	
BSS Group	630		3.9	18.1
Bardi	26			
Barring Perrins	23½		6.5	16.8
Bogod A	45		2.8	14.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Acatis Utd	6½			
Ashtead Grp	360	- 10	1.8	12.1
Bunzl	948	- 32	2.7	20.5
BTR	269	- 12	6.9	11.3
BMTY	498½	- 20½	6.9	9.8
Beresford Int	217		6.0	9.1
Charles Sidney	103		4.7	14.3
Cookson	633	- 1	3.4	9.2
Dawson Int	155	- 1	2.1	14.0
Diplomat	369		4.7	13.6
Electrocomponents	589	- 6	1.9	26.1
Exmoiles Elec	209	+ 2	2.7	15.0
Exmoiles	134	+ 2	7.3	8.1
European Mtr	98	- 1	6.6	8.5
Evans Halshaw	368		5.6	13.4
Filtrona	58		6.2	
Fitzwilton	326	+ 7	2.1	19.7
Gardner	29½		3.6	11.8
Glenmorangie	565		2.0	41.5
Hanwtys	98		3.9	
Harris (Philip)	288	+ 12	3.3	17.6
Headlam†	278	+ 2	2.2	22.2
Hoskyns	350	+ 2	2.3	19.1
Hunting	300	+ 10	3.8	
ISA Int	177		1.7	17.9
Inchcape†	301	- 5	3.8	
Jacks (Wm)	98		4.6	18.6
Kwik-Fit	155	+ 13	2.6	17.2
Lex Service	365	+ 20	4.9	14.0
Loakers	143	+ 1	7.1	8.5
Mayflower Gp	93	- ½	6.3	13.4
Meiklegarth†	8½		1.2	
Metalrax	46	- ½		9.1
Northwater	519	- 11	1.6	17.2
Norbrit	314	+ 14	0.7	25.2
Pentland	139		2.2	18.5
Pctc†	358	- 1	2.7	13.5
Pentalpine	129	- 3	4.1	15.4
Perry Gpt	305	+ 9	4.9	12.2
Premier Farnell†	702	- 26	1.9	
Quadrc Group†	179		4.6	14.6
RDC	313	+ 10	1.6	39.5
Reece	2½			
Rentokil	40	- 6	4.7	
Rotork	249	- 6	3.4	16.2
Sthrlng Ind	59		3.4	11.5
Tarmac	175	- 10	6.7	23.2
Time Products	362	- 6	3.5	
Vares Hldg	54	- 2	4.7	17.8
Vardy (Reg)	157	+ 9	3.2	16.7
Wellington Hldg	268		3.8	27.1
Wellman	46	+ 2	4.2	10.7
Wisdom	429	- 6	3.4	16.3
Wyko	128	+ 2	1.7	
Young (Hlt)	121	- 3½	4.1	11.2

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Bushmary	864	+ 18	3.2	
Bridgend Gp	20	- 1	9.3	
Bill Pidsgp	113		4.0	15.5
Caltons	258	+ 5	5.1	19.6
Cavendish	156		4.5	10.6
Central Mtr	103		0.7	
Charles Sidney	103		4.7	14.3
Cook (DC)	623	- 1	3.4	9.2
Cowie	493½	+ 8	3.2	15.1
Dawsons Int	155	- 1	2.1	14.0
Diplomat	369		4.7	13.6
Electrocomponents	589	- 6	1.9	26.1
Eurodollar	209	+ 2	2.7	15.0
Eurodollar	134	+ 2	7.3	8.1
European Mtr	98	- 1	6.6	8.5
Evans Halshaw	368		5.6	13.4
Filtrona	58		6.2	
Fitzwilton	326	+ 7	2.1	19.7
Gardner	29½		3.6	11.8
Glenmorangie	565		2.0	41.5
Hanwtys	98		3.9	
Harris (Philip)	288	+ 12	3.3	17.6
Headlam†	278	+ 2	2.2	22.2
Hoskyns	350	+ 2	2.3	19.1
Hunting	300	+ 10	3.8	
ISA Int	177		1.7	17.9
Inchcape†	301	- 5	3.8	
Jacks (Wm)	98		4.6	18.6
Kwik-Fit	155	+ 13	2.6	17.2
Lex Service	365	+ 20	4.9	14.0
Loakers	143	+ 1	7.1	8.5
Mayflower Gp	93	- ½	6.3	13.4
Meiklegarth†	8½		1.2	
Metalrax	46	- ½		9.1
Northwater	519	- 11	1.6	17.2
Norbrit	314	+ 14	0.7	25.2
Pentland	139		2.2	18.5
Pctc†	358	- 1	2.7	13.5
Pentalpine	129	- 3	4.1	15.4
Perry Gpt	305	+ 9	4.9	12.2
Premier Farnell†	702	- 26	1.9	
Quadrc Group†	179		4.6	14.6
RDC	313	+ 10	1.6	39.5
Reece	2½			
Rentokil	40	- 6	4.7	
Rotork	249	- 6	3.4	16.2
Sthrlng Ind	59		3.4	11.5
Tarmac	175	- 10	6.7	23.2
Time Products	362	- 6	3.5	
Vares Hldg	54	- 2	4.7	17.8
Vardy (Reg)	157	+ 9	3.2	16.7
Wellington Hldg	268		3.8	27.1
Wellman	46	+ 2	4.2	10.7
Wisdom	429	- 6	3.4	16.3
Wyko	128	+ 2	1.7	
Young (Hlt)	121	- 3½	4.1	11.2

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Acal	553		1.8	20.1
Acorn Comp	2062	- 3		
Admiral	1271	- 9	0.9	33.9
Attosteel	152	- 3½	2.3	
Arlec	49		1.8	
Ultrasite	1672½	+ 12½	1.2	22.2
Aztec	725	+ 66	0.7	
BICC†	376	+ 6	4.7	
Beales Hunter	205		6.3	20.8
Black	547	- 5	3.0	16.0
Bowthorpe†	461	+ 1	2.6	20.0
Burgess (AF) 'A'	17	+ ¼	3.4	
CMI Microsy	123		6.2	12.8
Channel Hldgs	36	+ 1	4.4	15.5
Chloride	394		1.4	37.8
Clayshire	73		5.4	12.4
Coby Elect	445	- 1½	4.2	
Crabtree	942	+ 108	1.2	32.2
Dialog Gp Sys	139	+ 9	0.3	
Diploma	588	+ 20	5.0	30.0
Domino	403	- 5	3.1	38.1
Dowding Mills	69	- ½	5.1	16.3
Dtack	3450		0.5	37.6
Electronic 'B'	3400	+ 121½	0.6	32.3
Emess	359½	- ½	0.7	22.3
Ericsson 'B'	1478½	+ 37½	1.1	27.5
Ethernet	68	- 3	3.8	14.9
Eurotherm	635	- 8	1.6	25.3
Fairey Group†	584	- 5	2.1	23.1
Filtronic Dms	308	- 30	0.3	49.8
Forward Grp	1083	+ 67½	0.9	
Forward Tech	76	- 2	4.5	11.2
GEC	357½	- 6	3.9	17.2
Gresham	122	- 5	4.9	13.8
Hall Cntrol	134	- 5	3.4	28.1
Imtech	37	- 1	2.7	47.0
Kode	122	- 5	1.0	12.3
Lpa Ind	56	+ 1	4.8	12.7
Mtl Insp	195		2.1	17.0
Magnetic Power©	123	- 7		
Marconi Sn	295		2.3	18.1
Microtect	69½	+ 2	1.5	22.1
Mitel	445	- 17		
Neotronics	56	- 4	1.8	
Oxford Inst	541	+ 68	1.5	
Pace Systems(O)	122	- 4	3.5	
Pendr	124	- 3½	3.4	18.7
Philips Lmp Hr	2248½	- 31½	2.7	8.1
Psaltech	195	+ 14	3.4	
Racal	358	+ 27	2.2	21.3
Redifon	42	- 5		21.6
Renishaw	432	- 3	0.5	
Rotork Elect	304	- 12	2.5	19.2
Rotronics†	149	+ 5	3.0	20.5
Roxspur	665		0.9	14.0
Renishaw	545	+ 25	1.6	21.8
Rodstra	3½			
Rotork	388		2.6	
Sanderson	424		2.2	24.5
Silverwood†	92	+ 3	1.6	22.0
Smartforce©	29		4.0	
Spectrum	135		0.6	26.5
Thorn Emi	1564	+ 81½	0.9	22.5
TQS Circuits©	35½	+ 1		
Tadpole Tech	65	- 1	3.5	12.1
Telcentral†	91	- 1	1.9	20.3
Telspec	152	- 1	3.3	
Thorpe PW	218	- 10	2.3	13.1
Total Systems	39			31.2
Tunstall†	377	+ 1½	1.5	20.8
Unitech	695		1.4	22.6
Vinty	55		3.6	14.4
Vero	234	- 1	2.7	
Volex	456		5.4	16.1
Wolfestorre	33	+ 4		
Wiscpsyn	128	+ 2	4.0	17.4

ENGINEERING

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
AIM	341	- 8	5.1	16
APV	68	- 1	5.1	19.0
ASW	54	- 1	5.4	
Abmac	456		2.2	20.1
Alvec	119	- 1	2.4	8.6
Ash & Lacy	177	- 1	4.7	14.5
Atlas Essex	253		3.7	19.9
Avdelsa Metall	116	- 2	5.3	
BBA	303	- 27	2.5	20.5
Bl Group	130		4.6	15.4
BW	149	- 5	5.8	13.5
Babcock	96	- 7	3.4	56.5
Bailey (Ch)				
Baynes (Charles)	143	+ 7	2.2	21.4
Brooksbnk	36	+ 1	7.4	
Bowman Group	82	- 2	6.1	
Brdr	64		7.8	7.0
Brown (J)	556	+ 5	5.5	25.7
Bodycote†	97	+ 1	1.8	9.5
Booth Inds	45	+ 5		
Brdmay	29½		3.5	15.2
Bridon†	177	- 3	4.2	17.7
Br Aerospace	837	+ 48	1.7	23.2
Br Steel	172½	+ 3½	6.4	55.5
Brooke Tool†	134	+ ½	2.7	12.5
Brunel	97	+ 4	1.9	23.2
Bunzl	107	+ 1	3.3	14.9
Burnfield	128	- 5	3.3	14.9
Cambrio Eng	310	+ 1	4.1	15.8
Castings	224	+ 2	2.4	
Chamberlin Hldr	150	- 6	6.2	
Chestrfld	102	- 2	3.9	17.9
Clyde Blowers	288	+ 14	2.8	63.7
Cobham†	615	+ ½	2.8	
Cohen (A)	668	+ 18	2.3	
Concentric†	187	- 7	4.5	12.5
Cookson†	260	- 5	4.0	10.7
Coppercraft	143		4.2	14.7
Corac Group	47½	- 7	5.6	14.3
Cordant	98	- 5	3.4	20.9
Cosalt	113	- 3	4.4	
Crane	1085	- 18	2.5	
Crouch Group	443	+ 16	3.9	17.5
Cumulus	265	- 3	3.1	14.8
Dairy Farm	49		4.2	10.2
Dartmouth	107½	+ 2		
Dawson Int	472	+ ½	2.5	6.9
Delta	45		2.8	14.9
Dewhirst	360	- 10	2.7	20.5
Dobson Park	1277.50		4.1	16.4
Doncasters	1080	- 32	2.7	20.5
Dowty	148	- 2	2.3	15.5
Drayton Con	1810	+ 60	2.4	17.7
Dunlop	74	- 5	6.6	
Dwyer	1210		3.3	41.5
Electrocomponents	589	- 6	1.9	26.1
Elementis	76	- 2½	3.2	14.5
Elliott (B)	67		4.5	
Enterprise Oil	1034	+ 14	1.4	16.6
Evode	119	- 1	4.2	16.6
Expro Int	1030	+ 20	3.1	38.8
FKI	114	- 1	3.5	15.3
Fairey Group	584	- 12	2.1	23.1
Fairey Inds	354	- 6	3.5	13.2
Fenner	317	- 1	2.2	14.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
AB Food	381	+ 2	2.9	13.6
Ashtons & Hldrs	277	+ 2	3.6	12.8
Allied Fishery†	48	- 1	3.8	12.0
Banks (S C)	320	- 5	4.1	12.1
Barr (Alb)	343		3.8	22.4
Bensons Crisp	30	+ 2		77.0
Booker†	282	+ 1	7.4	14.8
Bovril	320		5.0	
CPL Animas	480	+ 1	1.2	
Cadbury-Schwp	481	- 2	4.2	16.1
Canadian Pizza	88		2.5	13.5
Carrs Milling	269	- 1	4.8	17.2
Cmeghan	135		0.6	
Continental Fds	68	- 2	10.9	6.3
Cranswick	196	- 1	6.1	
Delpney	370	+ 5	7.3	11.4
Dalgety	727		4.4	13.5
Daniels S	20		2.4	
Devro	235		4.1	13.5
Everest	115	+ 1	4.5	10.3
Finlay (James)†	83	+ 2½	4.7	12.9
Global	118	- 2	2.5	23.7
Greencoat†	165	- 2	5.3	12.2
Hazlewood Fds	102	+ 25	2.9	
Hillsdown†	177	- 2	6.7	12.3
Hpbl	736	- 11	3.5	
Hunter Saph	53		17.7	9.1
Ingles	108		3.7	
Int Biscuits	192	+ 25	2.8	
Unicorn Int	151	- ½	4.6	15.8
Int Instr	15		3.8	
Vinyon	16	- ½		
Vitbiers	249	- 6	3.4	16.2
Volsay Gp	10½	- ½	2.7	35.2
Vitec†	727	- 1	1.8	13.9
Vp	818	- 1	3.7	
Vp Bldg	278	- 1	3.7	
Vp Ind	246	- 1	3.8	14.8
Wellington Hldg	268		3.8	27.1
Wellman	46	+ 2	4.2	10.7
Wisdom	429	- 6	3.4	16.3
Wyko	128	+ 2	1.7	
Young (Hlt)	121	- 3½	4.1	11.2

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
Advanti	147½	+ ½	6.5	42.1
Alnkan Shramt	288	- 3	4.2	
Anglo Rubbert	634	+ 6½	3.5	15.5
BSG†	90½	+ 10	4.4	16.6
Bodycote†	352	+ 2	2.3	15.5
Bowman†	78	- 3	2.6	
Brdr	64	- 2	10.2	11.8
Britannia	784	- 1	2.5	30.4
Bspoke Hldr	170	+ 1	1.8	26.1
Cmb Eng	77	- 1	3.9	
Caparo	240	+ 6	1.8	15.9
Carclo Engnrg	93½		3.2	
Chamberlin	37	- 1	2.7	47.0
Chrtrhse Gp	66	- 1	4.5	12.7
Cmb Eng	77	- 1	3.9	
Cmb Eng Prf	71		4.2	
Cmb Nthn	1618	- 50	4.4	10.1
Cmb Power	41	- 1	2.4	
Cmb Tech	1090	- 10½	2.2	50.1
Cmb Vehicles	171		3.5	33.8
Cmb Wt	115		3.5	33.8
Cmb Wt Prf	103		4.8	13.8
Cmb Wt Ord	135	+ ½	4.3	38.3
Cmb Wt	90	- 3	4.2	
Cmb Wt	46	+ 11	4.6	
Cmb Wt	144		4.5	23.1
Cmb Wt	336	+ 20	1.8	12.3
Cmb Wt	249	+ 16	2.0	16.2
Cmb Wt	484	+ 4	2.0	21.5
Cmb Wt	158	- 15		
Cmb Wt	211		2.4	45.5
Cmb Wt	119	- 3	0.8	
Cmb Wt	78	- 5	15.4	7.9
Cmb Wt	154	- 6	1.7	
Cmb Wt	211	- 4	3.5	14.9
Cmb Wt	103	- 1	4.4	15.6
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Berisford, Care UK, Electronic Data Processing, Treatt, Widney. **Finals:** Acal, Camellia, Cropper (James), Dee Valley, Electrocomponents, Ensor Holdings, Eurodollar (Holdings), Field Group, Renold, Christian Salvesen, 600 Group, Unigate, Wynnstay Properties. **Economic statistics:** UK May producer prices, UK April cyclical indicators, German May unemployment, G10 central bank governors committee meeting.

TOMORROW

Interims: Bradstock Group, Drummond Group, NFC, Thorn EMI, Toy Options. **Finals:** Amberley Group, Amersham International, Ann Street Brewery, Babcock International, BSS Group, CML Microsystems, East Midlands Electricity, Great Portland Estates, Henderson Administration Group, Marshalls, Northern Foods, Severn Trent, Volex. **Economic statistics:** UK April new construction orders, UK April industrial production, US May producer prices, French May consumer sentiment.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Blick, Chemring Group, Goldsborough Healthcare, Granada Group. **Finals:** BAA, Bradford Property Trust, Bristol Water Holdings, London Insurance Market, Mansfield Brewery, Meyer International, Seafield, Stirling Group, WT Foods. **Economic statistics:** UK May jobless, UK April average earnings, unit wage costs, US May consumer prices and real earnings.

THURSDAY

Interims: Daily Mail & General Trust, Dewhurst, GWR Group, Neotronics Technology. **Finals:** Brockhampton Holdings, Edinburgh Income Trust, FKI, Johnson Matthey, Leigh Interests, London Electricity, London Merchant Securities, Martin Currie European Investment, Regalian Properties, Scapa Group, Selton (Martin) Group. **Economic statistics:** UK May retail prices, US weekly jobless claims, US May retail sales.

FRIDAY

Interims: Burndene Investments, Denmans Electrical. **Finals:** Capital Gearing Trust, Osborne & Little, Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, Yorkshire Electricity. **Economic statistics:** US May industrial production, US May capacity utilisation, US April business inventories.

COMPANIES

Unigate to deliver double cream

UNIGATE: Beef must have dominated talk at board meetings over the past few months. But the food group escaped mostly unharmed from the speculation over a human link with BSE.

Final pre-tax profits, due today, are expected to be £121 million, up from £58 million, and earnings per share are thought to have risen from 20.1p to 37.7p. The net dividend is likely to rise 1p to 19.3p.

The group's involvement in demerger activities is deemed successful. A week ago it sold half of its American restaurant business. DenAmerica bought the 100 Black-eyed Pea restaurants for £42 million. They made an operating profit of £3 million in the year to March 31 and had a net asset value of around £60 million. Unigate had been struggling to find a buyer.

The group is still trying to dispose of its other American restaurants, 110 Taco Bueno fast food outlets and five Casa Bonita/Crystal restaurants.

Selling Taco Bueno would end a string of disposals by Ross Buckland, Unigate's chief executive. He has focused the group mainly on chilled dairy foods.

NORTHERN FOODS: Prospects of a cattle cull sufficient to affect the UK milk supply have receded so analysts have cast aside their worries and are predicting normalised pre-tax profits of £125 million, up from £28 million, to be announced tomorrow.

Earnings per share should rise from 2.8p to 15.7p and the net dividend will climb slightly from 8.8p to 9p. The liquid milk business continues to struggle with lower overall volumes, an adverse shift in the mix away from the doorstep and higher input costs. But the butter operations benefited from a sharp increase in selling prices.

The base business will be sharply down in profit terms while the radical surgery that Northern performed on its fixed cost base bodes well for continued improvement.

BAA: Defeat at the hands of Swissair in the bid to buy the Allders International duty-free shops business marred a good performance by the airport operator, whose chairman is Sir John Egan.

Last year's pre-tax profits of £360 million are expected to increase to £410 million when its final results are announced on Wednesday. A 6 per cent increase in passenger numbers was the main reason for the increase.

But shareholders will no doubt ask directors how they could have let Allders slip away. A sale was agreed and as good as sealed. Then Swissair started bidding aggressively. BAA dithered for a while but seemed able to hold on to the deal, only to be forced eventually to follow Swissair and raise the offer.

Hours later, the Swiss hit back and matched BAA's £15 million increase, and their robust attitude clinched the deal.

EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY: Pre-tax profits are expected to dip from £214 million to £202 million when the regional electricity company (Rec) reports its final results tomorrow, but in spite of that the company is believed to be lifting the net dividend 8 per cent from 29p to 31.5p. While this should please shareholders, they shouldalso consider the long-term public perception of the company's performance. East Midlands was singled out as the worst-performing regional electricity company last year by Offer, the industry regulator.

The number of complaints rose by 8 per cent in 1995, while they fell for most other Recs.

THORN EMI: Now that the plans for the demerger of the music and rental business this summer are falling into place, UBS is sending out a firm buy recommendation.

Pre-tax profits are likely to be £525 million, up from £424 million, when final results are announced tomorrow.

Earnings per share should rise from 36.5p to 39.8p and the dividend looks set to rise from 62.5p to 74.8p.

The demerger plans have sparked bid speculation for EMI Music, which boasts George Michael, the Beatles, Radiohead and the Smashing Pumpkins on its roster.

The Thorn board intends to issue formal demerger proposals to shareholders next month and hopes to conclude the process in the following month. Once the demerger has been completed Thorn and EMI Music will be quoted separately.

LONDON ELECTRICITY: Growing balance sheet strength is expected from the privatised utility when it reveals its final results on Thursday. Analysts predict a pre-tax profits decline of 10 per cent, down to £194 million from £215 million last year.

Earnings per share should rise from 78.8p to 88p, an increase of 12 per cent, while the net dividend is expected to rise 42 per cent to 41.1p.

In spite of the dividend rise, the company may not be as willing as others to pass value back to shareholders because it is still committed to expanding its core business. But all that could change if London Electricity became the target of a takeover bid.

Electricity watchers in the City do not believe that there is an imminent threat of that, but the Rec is featured on their list of possibilities.

Earlier this year, London shares had been propelled upwards by bid speculation. Houston Industries was believed to be a potential predator. Shares moved up 28p to 813p as speculation grew in April.

Potential bidders are thought to be hurrying to seal deals ahead of a possible Labour Government, which would be expected to be tougher on utility takeovers and is committed to imposing windfall taxes.

OLIVER AUGUST



Sir John Egan, chairman, saw BAA sent packing by Swissair in the battle for Allders' chain of duty-free shops. Defeat marred an otherwise good year for the airport operator

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus on key prices figures

A heavy programme of economic statistics kicks off today with May producer prices figures, key to any analysis of the economy because the Chancellor last week justified his quarter-point cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent partly on predictions that producer price inflation will fall further.

According to the consensus forecast compiled by MMS International, producer input prices are expected to have risen by 0.3 per cent in the month, allowing the annual rate to fall to 2.8 per cent (3 per cent). Output prices are forecast to have risen by 0.1 per cent, taking the year-on-year rate down to 3.1 per cent (3.2 per cent).

Tomorrow we get a snapshot of industrial activity in April. The markets are expecting industrial production to show only marginal growth of 0.1 per cent and zero growth in manufacturing. These figures are followed on Wednesday by May unemployment figures and April figures for average earnings. The latter are also particularly market-sensitive because average earnings growth ticked up surprisingly to 3.75 per cent in March. The markets are expecting unemployment to have fallen by around 8,000 and average earnings growth to stay at 3.75 per cent.

On Thursday, retail prices figures for May are published. The headline rate of inflation is expected to be unchanged at 2.4 per cent while the underlying rate, targeted by the Government, is predicted to fall slightly to 2.8 per cent (2.9 per cent). RPIY, which excludes indirect taxes as well as mortgage interest payments, is forecast to fall to 2.5 per cent (2.6 per cent).

Inflation is set to be a major focus internationally, too, with figures coming from the US, Japan and various European countries. The US producer prices data tomorrow and consumer prices on Wednesday will attract huge market interest because of fears of higher inflation after last Friday's jump in US employment.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Unigate, Tottenham Hotspur, Amersham, Umeco; **Sell** House of Fraser. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Thorn EMI, Chemring, Limit, Wickes; **Sell** Amey. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy** Recognition Systems, Vosper Thornycroft, Vardon; **Sell** Inspec. *The Mail on Sunday:* **Buy** Symonds, Videologic, Crown Products; **Sell** Freepages.

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YOUR CHOICE OF VENUE



Alan Price appears at the Fishguard Music Festival on July 25

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
Peterborough Cathedral 01733 317336, Cathedral Choirs of Norwich, Peterborough and Ely: music by Walton, Byrd, Naylor, Stanford and Bruckner's Graduals. **June 25,** 7.30pm; £9. Cristina Ortiz (piano): Ravel, Grieg, Albeniz, Debussy **July 1,** 7.30pm; £9. City of London Sinfonia, Conductor Richard Hickox: John Woolrich, De Falla, Canteloube, **July 2,** 7.30pm; £10.

CHESHIRE
Chester, Grosvenor Park 01244 320700, Manchester Camerata, Conductor Mark Forkgen, Music from classic movies including *Gone With The Wind, Chariots of Fire* and *The Dambusters* with fireworks finale, **July 13,** 8pm; £12.

NORFOLK
Thetford, Euston Park 01603 764764 Sinfonia '96 — Pomp and Circumstance with a bang. East of England Orchestra, conductor John Wallace. Popular classics with grand firework finale in Capability Brown designed parkland, **June 29,** 7.45pm; £14.
Roughton, Norwich, Felbrigg Hall 01263 838297, The Lee Vasey Band. An evening of rhythm and blues, **July 5,** 7.30pm; £7.50. The Fever. An evening of country music with special guest Amanda Norman Sell's tribute to Patsy Cline, **July 6,** 7.30pm; £7.50. The Classic Buskers: classical music without the boring bits. **July 7,** 7.30pm; £7.50.



The Pembroke Players perform *Richard III*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
Kettering, Boughton House 01604 24811, Central Festival Opera, *The Beggar's Opera* by John Gay with additional words and music by Carl Davies, **August 2,** 8pm: £14.50.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Linby, Newstead Abbey 0115 948 2626, Opera Box presents *Die Fledermaus*, **August 10,** 7.30pm; £14.
Southwell, Norwood Park Pasadena Roof Orchestra, **June 22,** 8pm; £13. Ticket applications by post only to: James Turner & Co, 18 West Street, Retford, Notts. DN22 6ES, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

SHROPSHIRE
Weston under Lizard, Nr Shifnal
Weston Park 01952 850207 Last Night of the Proms with the Midland Symphony Orchestra, conductor John Moore, **August 17,** 7.30pm; £14. The Counterfeit Concert with The Bootleg Beatles, The Counterfeit Stones and the Bootleg Beachboys. **August 18,** 7pm; £13.

SUFFOLK
Ickworth House, Bury St Edmunds Performing Arts Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Nicholas Smith: Weber, Kodaly, Vaughan Williams, *Tallis Fantasia*, Sibelius Symphony No 2, **July 11,** 8pm; £15. 01625 573477.
Spitalfields Market Opera presents *The Secret Marriage* by Cimarosa, **July 27,** 7pm; £13. 01284 735270.
Wickham Market, Framlingham Castle 01728 724189, Oddsocks presents The Pembroke Players performing *Richard III*, **June 21,** 7.30pm; £6.

WARWICKSHIRE
Warwick Castle 01926 496277
Oddsocks Productions presents *Richard III*, **July 4, 5 ,6,** 7.30pm; £8.
MDCC presents *Henry V*, **July 11, 12 and 13,** 7.30pm; £8.
Warwick College Gardens 01926 496277, Oddsocks Productions presents *Bards Best Bits of Romeo and Juliet*, **July 7,** 4pm; £5.

YORKSHIRE
Harrogate Festival 01423 565757
Christ Church on the Stray. Slava Grigoryan (guitar), **July 27,** 11am; £5. Jeffrey Lloyd Roberts (tenor), Iain Burnside (piano): recital of English songs featuring Finzi and Farrar, **August 3,** 11am; £5.
Ripon Cathedral
Northern Junior Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor Jacek Kaspszyk: Elgar *In The South*, Lutoslawski Symphony No 4, Strauss *An Alpine Symphony*,



Slava Grigoryan plays at The Harrogate Festival



Musical harmony for 30p: the Pasadena Roof Orchestra appears at Norwood Park, Nottinghamshire on June 22

July 31, 8pm; £10, £8.
Harlow Carr Gardens, Oddsocks Productions presents *Richard III*, **August 5** and **6,** 7.30pm; £8.
Wakefield
Nostell Priory 01484 640640, Performing Arts Symphony Orchestra, conductor Nicholas Smith: Orchestral favourites with spectacular display presented by Standard Fireworks, **August 24,** 8pm; £15.

SCOTLAND
Berwickshire
Ayton Castle 0141 339 2708, Susanne Stanzelett and Gustav Fenyo. Violin and piano works by Schubert, Brahms and Mozart, **July 19,** 8pm; £6. Susanne Stanzelett, Timothy Gill, Gustav Fenyo: trios for violin, cello and piano by Schubert, Brahms and Mozart, **July 20,** 8pm; £6. Claire Haslin and Gustav Fenyo, four-hand piano music: Brahms *Hungarian Dances*, Ravel *Mother Goose Suite*, Schubert, **July 21,** 3pm; £6. Geraldine McGreevy and Gustav Fenyo. *1996 Kathleen Ferrier Award* Soprano sings songs by Schubert, Brahms, Wolf, Fauré, Chausson and Ravel, **July 21,** 8pm; £6.

WALES
Fishguard Music Festival 01348 873612
BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Mark Wigglesworth, soloist Stephen Hough: Wagner Suite Mastersingers, Mozart Symphony No 39, Brahms Piano Concerto No 2, **July 21,** 7pm; £10 and £6. Haffner Wind Ensemble, director Nicholas Daniel: Beethoven and Mozart, **July 22,** 8pm; £8. Quator Parissi String Quartet with Michael Collins: Haydn String Quartet Op54, Mozart Clarinet Quintet, Brahms Clarinet Quintet, **July 24,** 8pm; £8. Alan Price and the Electric Blues Company **July 25,** 8pm; £8 and £6. London Mozart Players, conductor Jonathan Butcher, soloist Julian Lloyd Webber: Haydn Cello Concerto, Mozart Symphony No 33, Schubert Symphony No 5, **July 26,** 8pm; £10 and £6.
Llangollen
Llangollen International Eisteddfod 01978 861501, Tasmin Little (violin) plus international choirs and folk dancers, **July 11,** 7.30pm; £12, £9. Anne Evans (soprano) plus international choirs and folk dancers, **July 12,** 7.30pm; £12, £9.

NORTHERN IRELAND
Castle Ward, Strangford 01238 510721, Ulster Orchestra: music and fireworks, **August 3,** 7.30pm; £15, children £7.50.



30p CONCERT TOKEN 2

Job fears will bring workers back to unions, says GMB

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOB insecurity and economic failure in Britain will encourage employees to join trade unions, one of the UK's principal unions claimed yesterday.

Although union membership is continuing to fall in Britain, especially in the private sector, the GMB union said workers are increasingly turning to unions for support as job insecurity grows.

At the start of the GMB's annual conference in Blackpool, John Edmonds, its general secretary, said: "Unions will start to see their membership increase in this economic climate." Unions, he said, were increasingly seen as the "only check against unscrupulous employers".

Survey evidence published by the union yesterday shows low levels of job security among union members and a strong desire for greater protection against unfair dismissal. The survey, carried out for the GMB by Warwick University, showed that only 6.2 per cent of the union's members regard their job as secure.

Four-fifths of new members joining the union cite support if they have a problem at work as the principal reason for doing so, and such support is seen by almost three-quarters of members as the main reason for retaining membership.

Greater protection against unfair dismissal is listed by new members and the union's full-time officers as the main collective bargaining priority for the union, though more members still rank improvements in pay rather than job security as their chief priority.

In a keynote speech to the conference today, which will also be addressed by John Prescott, Labour deputy leader, Mr Edmonds will emphasise the extent to which social partnership, including focusing on job security, is being practised by the GMB in agreements with employers.

Two BCCI men cleared

AN appeals court in the United Arab Emirates yesterday cleared Fakher Hussein and Naseem Sheikh, both Pakistanis with British citizenship, of fraud charges arising from the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) collapse in 1991, amid allegations of fraud and embezzlement said to total $10 billion.

But the three-judge panel rejected an appeal by Mohammed Naqvi, chief executive, against his 14-year jail term imposed in 1995 for his role in the closure.



Stuart Hornery, left, and Peter Walicknowski, of Lend Lease

Banks and Pru buy shops park

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE Bluewater shopping centre development near Dartford, Kent, has been bought by a consortium of banks and the Prudential Corporation.

Lend Lease, the Australian property and financial services group, has sold an 85 per cent interest to the consortium, that includes Lloyds, Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays, for £375 million.

The remaining 15 per cent will be held by Prudential, which is expected to pay more than £100 million when the project is completed in 1999. The project is then expected to be valued at £700 million.

Bluewater will be the largest retail centre in Europe, occupying a 240-acre site. It will have a gross leaseable area of 151,000 square metres. More than 50 per cent of the retail space has now been let. Agreements have been signed with John Lewis Partnership, Marks & Spencer and House of Fraser.

Stuart Hornery, chairman of Lend Lease, said the project would inject about £200 million of economic benefit into the regional economy during the construction period.

British casinos seeking stake in South Africa

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BRITISH casino operators are hoping to strike it rich in a South African casino gold rush. Major groups, including Ladbroke, London Clubs International and Aspinalls, are all bidding to win a slice of the country's £525 million casino market.

Up to 40 licences will be available across the country when draft gaming legislation passes through the South African Parliament in the next few months. Ladbroke has established a two-man office in South Africa to help to prepare its case to operate the new casinos. The company is particularly keen to combine casinos with its two new Hilton hotels in Johannesburg and Durban.

London Clubs is concentrating on Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. The company already runs operations in Egypt and is shortly to open the first casino in Beirut.

Aspinalls, owned by John Aspinall, is also looking at opportunities in Durban, in KwaZulu-Natal province, and is believed to be putting together a bid with Kerry Packer, the Australian media tycoon. Mr Aspinall has close links with Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party leader and Minister for Home Affairs.

Rank Organisation, the leisure group, has decided not to join the competition after preparing a feasibility study earlier this year. Mike Allison, chief executive of Grosvenor Casinos, said: "We still feel that the regime is too precarious and there is only a low level of foreign investment in the country. There are other more stable markets closer to home that interest us more."

The South African Government wants to place gaming on a legal footing to encourage tourism and close the country's estimated 1,200 illegal casinos. The proposed plans, which will limit companies to a maximum of 16 licences with no more than two in any one province, will also break the monopoly held by Sun International, based in Sun City.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Market defies summer slowdown

THE traditional summer lull in the stock market seems unlikely to halt activity on the Alternative Investment Market. Companies trading on AIM raised £62.8 million of new capital in May alone.

David Abrahams, a trader with Winterflood Securities, said: "Usually, the summer distractions make trading that bit quieter. But we have seen no sign of a let-up at all. If anything, this week's trading has been busier than usual."

Hydro-Dynamics, the chemical and imaging systems supplier that floated at 100p earlier in the week, closed on Friday at 116p. SEA Multimedia, the Israeli CD-Rom company with rights to the Atlanta Olympics, closed its first week at 75p, up 5p.

This week, Pacific Media will test the theory that adding the word Internet to a business's activities is an automatic trigger to send its shares soaring. It is to form a joint venture with Bertelsmann, the German media giant, to develop Asia's online potential, and analysts expect the shares to respond sharply. Dmatek, the Israeli computer software company, is still trying to get back above its launch price of 75p. It is touring institutional investors this week with an order book worth £2.6 million, six times higher than last year's. Its shares closed at 63p, up 2p.

Much interest has been shown in Sinclair Montrose Healthcare, the hospital staff administration company. It is now expected to be capitalised at £17 million, £5 million above initial estimates. Its shares should begin trading in two weeks.

AIM broke trading records in May, as equity turnover reached a new high of £177 million, up 20 per cent from the previous month. It closed the week with a market capitalisation of £3.45 billion.

FRASER NELSON

1996 High	1996 Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
134	109	17.00	AMCO Corp	119	- 5	5.3	16.7
58	18	2.48	Abacus Recruit	45	+ 2	...	...
138	115	24.70	Active Imaging	135	+ 17	...	...
170	123	25.10	A de Gruchy	170	+ 10	4.4	...
20¼	7¼	16.70	African Gold	16¼	- ½	...	...
15½	13	5.76	Albemarale & Bd	15½	...	...	...
24	15	8.39	Alpha Omikron	16	+ 1	...	...
420	380	40.20	Ann St Brewery	420	+ 15	5.2	12.6
935	885	5.54	Ann St Cv Pf	935	+ 10	8 6	...
121	80	56.90	Antonov	80	- 3	...	...
9	8	1.89	Anion Props	8	...	...	...
133	68	21.10	Ask Central	131	...	...	...
61	55	0.99	Athelney Trust	55	- 5	...	...
6½	5½	8.05	Ballymaray	6¼	...	...	...
21	17	5.39	Barts Hldgs	21	+ 3	...	...
46	43	3.85	Belcanto	43	...	...	...
150	140	0.99	Bowness Leis	145	...	3.9	...
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
70	50	11.40	Brancote Hldgs	66	...	...	...
423	240	49.90	Brockbank	423	...	2.2	...
124	118	12.50	CA Coutts Hldgs	118	...	...	...
120	116	0.94	CCI Hldgs	118	- 2	...	6.5
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
185	95	4.80	Cafe Inns	168	- 7	1.5	13.8
75	55	7.39	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	7.9
3½	2	3.23	Capital & Wstn	3½	+ ½	...	...
96	68	13.00	Cardcast	80	+ 2	0.8	17.4
83	58	16.00	Card Clear	71	- 4	...	...
108	98	10.90	Carisbrooke	108	...	...	...
72	60	3.50	Cassidy Bros	64	...	5.9	9.1
46	41	2.00	Cavendish W F	46	+ 5	4.1	...
18	16	4.99	Celebrated Group	17	...	...	...
£225	6550	58.50	Celtic	£225	+2000	...	...
£175	6450		Celtic Pf	£175	+2000	...	...
124	109	16.30	CI Comms(TV)	121	- 1	2.7	...
86	62	6.72	Chartwell Intl	63	- 2	...	...
66	53	69.40	Chelsea Village	66	+ 3	...	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	...
31	28	12.70	ClubPartners	30	...	...	...
510	510	12.20	Com de Prt Fin	510	...	...	...
44	37	8.76	Conister Tst	40	...	5.0	10.0
86	58	14.40	Country Gdns	78	...	2.2	...
83	70	2.60	Cntry Gdns Pf	71	...	9.4	...
109	87	31.30	Creos Intl	87	...	...	...
63	53	25.00	Crown Products	56	- 2	...	...
210	152	14.20	DBS Management	210	+ 2	3.6	8.5
36	32		Dalkeith Inns	32	...	...	...
75	63	3.68	David Glass	68	- 7	5.5	...
1700	860	74.30	Dawson Hldgs	1625	...	2.5	14.2
17	11	4.09	Dean Corp	14	- 1	1.8	...
375	305	34.90	Dicom	340	- 5	...	78.5
76	60	11.80	Dmatek	63	+ 2	...	...
137	87	12.40	Easynet	87	- 10	...	...
200	100	77.60	Electrophoretics	120	- 17	...	...
81	36	56.20	Emtech	65	- 3	...	...
116	88	22.10	Epic Multimedia	95	- 6	...	...
125	120	5.40	Euro Sales Fn	120	...	...	...
435	325		Fortake	435	+ 70	...	...
260	75	6.13	Finl Pubns	260	...	...	...
188	53	10.00	Firecrest	60	+ 5	...	...
183	175	36.10	First Info	178	...	...	...
240	188	6.15	Flomerics	240	+ 20	1.4	...
343	258	7.05	Floral St	303	...	0.4	13.8
193	136	17.20	Formscan	163	...	1.5	21.2
35½	14	122.80	Freepages	33½	+ 4	...	...
143	93	8.28	Furlong Homes	138	...	2.3	...
9¾	8¼	27.50	Gander Hldgs	9½	...	...	...
22	15	5.40	Greenhills	18	+ 1	...	...
150	145	33.10	Guilton	148	...	3.4	...
41	21	2.65	Hansom	26	...	...	...
65	50	1.38	Hercules Prop	55	+ 5	...	...
138	120	59.00	Hiscox Dad Ins	130	- 5	2.4	...
80	70	0.87	Hurlingham	75	...	...	...
124	105	11.90	Indpt Radio	119	- 3	...	...
88	85	14.40	Inner Workings	86	...	...	...
523	503	22.00	Intl Greetings	523	...	1.2	...
146	108	33.80	IOC Intl	138	+ 3	...	...
103	83	3.59	Jasmin	88	...	...	13.2
320	280	23.60	Jennings Bros	320	+ 2	2.5	23.0
5½	3¾	6.30	Just Group	5	+ ¼	...	...
3	2	0.35	Just Group Wrts	2	...	...	...
125	103	43.10	KS Biomedix	114	...	...	...
160	153	52.30	La Senza	156	+ 3	...	...
180	137	26.20	Lancashire En	145	...	3.4	11.7
300	210	17.20	Lawrence	283	- 5	0.7	...
2750	2550	53.70	Lawrie Group	2750	+ 55½	3.2	...
285	255	46.80	Le Riches Strs	282	+ 2	6.8	27.6
95	85		London Asia Pc	85	...	...	...
6¾	2	53.20	Lon Fiduciary	5½	- ¾	...	...
70	55	1.45	London Town	58	...	...	...
360	200	20.50	Lorien Grp	360	+ 10	1.3	28.7
25	15	9.42	Manx & O'seas	16	- 1	2.5	21.7
135	113	14.10	Marine & Marc S	117	...	...	...
117	92	47.00	Megalomedia	102	- 5	...	...
99	79		Megalomedia Wts	89	...	...	...
113	86	6.96	Meltek	110	- 3	2.8	...
475	110	69.90	Memory Corp	118	- 17	...	...
22	18	5.46	Metrodome Films	19	...	...	...
235	156	14.40	Moorepay	190	- 10	2.9	19.5
200	67½	9.08	Mountcashel	120	...	...	25.0
203	168	34.90	Mulberry Group	176	...	...	...
89	67	20.80	MultiMedia	72	- 11	...	...
340	285	21.60	NWF Grp	288	- 2	2.8	13.9
210	175	13.70	Nash (Wm)	195	...	4.3	...
355	335	8.86	Neill Clark	350	...	2.1	17.0
470	200	10.60	Neilson Cobbold	385	- 65	1.8	19.2
73	65		Norcity II	73	...	...	...
73	63		Norhomes	68	...	...	...
76	63	7.22	Nthn Petlm	63	...	...	...
8	8	0.13	Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...	...	...
70	53		Nthmb Res Prps	60	...	...	...
116	111	17.90	Nursing Home	116	...	1.3	33.4
138	90	16.90	Old English Pub	138	+ 18	0.9	...
136	84	8.33	Omnicare	135	...	0.5	...
75	51	16.00	Omnimedia	65	+ 2	...	...
103	66	23.90	Optical Care	103	- 3	...	...
2	1	21.30	Pacific Media	2	+ ¼	...	...
173	43		Pacific Med Pf	163	+ 5	...	...
109	17¼	35.00	Pan Andean Res	85	- 5	...	...
200	180	4.78	Park Ests(Liv)	200	...	3.1	...
445	365	101.90	Pel City	420	+ 5	...	...
184	125	32.80	Polymasc Pharms	164	...	...	...
565	400	7.09	Preston Nth E	550	...	...	...
105	103	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	...	...	...
205	180	26.60	Prism Rail	205	...	...	...
67	32	5.39	Raphael Zm	60	...	2.6	37.6
98	43	5.86	Reflec	85	...	...	...
105	93	1.07	Revelation Pic	100	+ 7	...	...
18	16	11.90	Riceman Insce	18	+ 1	...	...
98	63	4.70	Romtec	91	- 5	...	...
4½	3½	3.60	Rushmere Wynne	4	...	...	...
1¾	0¾	0.14	Rush Wyn Wrts	1½	...	...	...
126	31	3.19	SCS Satellite	31	...	...	...
75	75	16.90	SEA Multimedia	75	...	...	...
31	20	2.16	Scotswood Inds	31	...	4.0	29.3
68	28		Scott Pride	50	+ 2	...	...
320	270	14.60	Scrutions	305	...	5.3	...
60	30	2.22	Self Sealing Slitdsm	38	+ 3	...	...
3	2			2	...	...	...
4½	3½	8.60	Sira Bus Serv	4½	...	...	...
1½	1½	0.29	Sira Bus Wrts	1½	...	...	...
595	524	134.20	Southern News	569	- 11	3.5	15.0
68	50		Southern Vectis	68	...	...	...
615	255	79.90	Stanford Rook	435	- 43	...	...
130	75	8.46	Stentor	120	- 8	...	...
270	122	27.00	Surrey Fr Inns	268	+ 31	0.9	31.5
136	116	15.80	Syst Integ Rsch	118	- 4	...	...
915	585	36.30	TRACKER Netwk	685	- 20	...	...
185	180	39.80	Tradepoint Fcl	185	...	...	...
55	38	4.34	Tele Cred Eur	43	...	...	...
43	25		Tele Cred Wrts	31	...	...	...
116	101	17.00	Toad	101	- 2	...	...
56	43	2.99	Tom Hoskins	53	...	...	...
180	165	5.03	Trinity Care	165	...	3.6	...
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	...	...	...
74	46	332.90	Trocadero	67	...	...	...
42	40	3.83	Univard	42	...	...	...
458	393	7.09	Utd Auctions	398	+ 5	1.3	...
201¼	147¼	14.10	VDC	175	...	3.4	12.7
16¾	13½	43.00	Versailles Grp	16¼	...	...	26.5
585	130	16.60	Viewinn	555	+130	...	...
428	232		Voss	363	...	...	...
13	7		Wedderburn Secs	11	...	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
19	13	5.25	Western Selectn	15	...	...	55.3
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...
31	26	2.74	Westmount Engy	26	- 2	...	42.0
95	91	3.84	Whitecross	93	- 2	...	...
75	46	7.31	W'chester M Md	66	+ 5	...	...
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Talks aim to prevent post strike

Crucial talks aimed at averting a national postal strike begin in London today, with the Royal Mail expected to table a new pay offer. Members of the Communication Workers Union have voted strongly for industrial action in protest at a new pay and conditions package that includes the introduction of team working.

Under the Employee Agenda, some workers would receive a pay cut because of the scrapping of shift and other allowances. The Royal Mail will try to ensure that most, if not all, its 140,000 delivery and sorting office staff receive a pay rise under the deal. The talks are likely to continue all week.

Orange glow

Orange, the mobile telecoms company whose shares made their stock market debut in February, is favourite to be promoted to the FT-SE 100 index this week. It has a market capitalisation of £3 billion. But Railtrack seems likely to be excluded. Other contenders are United News and Media; Securicor; Next; and Lucas Industries. Likely casualties are Foreign & Colonial; Greenalls; and Lasmo.

Innovation fall

Spending on innovation by UK manufacturers fell last year, from 6.7 to 6.2 per cent of turnover, according to a joint report by the Confederation of British Industry and NatWest. It also notes a significant fall in manufacturers' committed to patenting, down to 62 poer cent, from 77 per cent last year.



Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda, is launching a fresh offensive on prices by cutting the cost of Anadin

Asda fights fixed prices by halving cost of painkiller

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ASDA, the supermarkets group, is launching another attack on the last bastion of price fixing by offering Anadin Paracetemol, the painkiller, at half its usual price.

The company first challenged the 26-year-old retail price maintenance (RPM) law on over-the-counter medicines last October, by discounting 82 brand vitamin and mineral products by 20 per cent. It had to put its prices back up when the makers, Roche and Seven Seas, took out injunctions. Asda also had a key role in destruction of the net book agreement.

The company said yesterday that the normal price tag on Anadin Paracetemol of £1.72 is an example of the "extreme absurdity" of the RPM laws. It will offer the product at 86p from today. Asda said that it will contact Anadin's makers, Whitehall Laboratories, this morning to explain what it has done and to find out what action Whitehall Laboratories may take.

Gwyn Burr, Asda's marketing director, said that painkillers such as Anadin Paracetemol were "well established mundane health aids". He said: "The margins on Anadin Paracetemol are amongst the highest available to any retailer in Britain. They rank alongside high fashion and expensive perfume."

Asda's move will chill pharmaceutical manufacturers and also retail chemists — large and small — which rely heavily on over-the-counter drugs' margins. The sector is already in a state of uncertainty because of the bid battle for Lloyds Chemists between Uni-Chem and Gehe, of Germany. The two bids were referred, in March, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is expected to report on them next month.

The Office of Fair Trading began an inquiry into RPM on non-prescription medicines last October. Asda said yesterday that it was "dismayed that any decision may take up to two years to implement".

HSBC made to explain risk element of new Pep

BY JODY BRETKELLY AND ANNE ASHWORTH

HSBC Asset Management, the fund management arm of the international banking group, was forced to send out 13,500 letters to clarify vital terms and conditions of its new personal equity plan.

The action coincided with an Inland Revenue ruling blocking a controversial Scottish Amicable Pep scheme. This tested rules to the limit by allowing investors to put in £50,000. The normal general Pep allowance is £6,000.

John Cowan, general manager of Scottish Amicable, commented: "The timing of the Inland Revenue's action was clearly geared to create as much disruption as possible, and must surely call into question the way in which the Inland Revenue approves products for the financial services industry." Investors will receive a refund.

HSBC Pep Plus, is a single company Pep tracking the FTSE-100 index, which allows investment of both the general and single company Pep allowance, totalling £9,000. It has already attracted £20 million. Brochures said that the Pep aimed to keep investors' capital "secure" and to pay 133 per cent of any rise in the market.

However, some press articles said that the capital was "guaranteed" and the company started to use one such article in its literature.

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (IMRO), the City watchdog, expressed concern about the literature, which was withdrawn, and asked the company to make clear the risks. As a result, the company has sent out letters to its 1,500 investors, as well as 7,000 to prospective investors and 5,000 to financial advisers, pointing out that the product is not guaranteed. The letter said that the risk to capital was "minimal".

The company is allowing investors until June 20 to cancel even if their cancellation period has passed.

Judy Delaforce, a spokesperson for IMRO, would not say whether it was taking further action, but added: "There are industry-wide concerns about the overuse of the word 'guaranteed'."

State's taste for money limits Clarke's scope

GILT-EDGED

The Chancellor's decision to cut interest rates can, at least, be justified on economic grounds, and the Mansion House speech will be used to do so. However, it does mean that little, if any, further monetary easing can now be expected before the Budget. Political temptations will surely be avoided, if only to prevent the embarrassment of a rate hike before the election (assuming John Major is not forced into an early poll).

The excuse that inflation is about to fall has been used up. The only justifications for another easing would be if, in the next couple of months, the economy displays clear signs of slipping into recession or sterling dramatically appreciates (up to 90 on the trade-weighted index and into a 2.40/2.45 range against the mark). With both of these things unlikely, base rates will be left unchanged for some time and attention will increasingly focus on the fiscal situation. With bad news emerging on borrowing, gilts are likely to underperform. The bad state of public finances will, however, eventually help the short end of the gilt curve. It will force a neutral Budget, and as this becomes clear, the Chancellor may ease rates again.

The first difficulty for the long end of the market will be the state of public finances. The PSBR target has twice been missed, and this is likely to happenagain. To judge by available data, it appears that central government did not control spending in the last financial year, and this year's PSBR target requires even greater restraint.

This, combined with weaker than officially forecast growth pushing revenues down, will lead to a 1996-97 PSBR well above the £22.4 billion target. A figure of £30 billion is more likely. This would represent only a small improvement on last year's borrowing, and as redemptions will be higher, total gilt issuance will have to rise. The market will have to absorb more debt when there will be no international bond market rally to aid gilts.

The state of government finances is likely severely to limit the Chancellor's scope in the Budget. Admittedly, for political reasons, there will be some tax cuts, but these will have to be small and offset by spending cuts. We will see more of the policy that has characterised Kenneth Clarke's chancellorship, looser monetary policy as the state of public finances prevents easing of the fiscal burden.

The public finances will also limit any rallies triggered by hope that sterling will be part of the first round of EMU. The general government deficit (as opposed to the PSBR) was 6 per cent of GDP in 1995, and, we calculate, will fall only to 5 per cent in 1996. It would require improbably savage tightening of fiscal policy in 1997 to get the deficit to 3 per cent. If the UK is to qualify for monetary union, it would have to argue that the deficit overshoot is due to exceptional circumstances or that the deficit has been cut and is close to 3 per cent. Either would be hard to justify.

With heavy issuance to absorb, the gilt market will probably continue to underperform in the next few months. Although it is now cheap against Germany, France, Italy and Spain, the scope for spread-narrowing is limited. At the start of the year, we said that ten-year gilts' yield spread over Germany would range between 140 and 225 bps, and so far it has been 140 to 180. Our range still holds. The curve's short end is likely to be safest, and should benefit from changing interest rate expectations. Maturities of five years and more will continue to suffer.

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Daiwa Europe Limited

Irish turf chief's pay deal under scrutiny

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

THE fate of one of the most successful managing directors in Ireland's large state sector is in the balance as auditors complete their inquiry into his controversial pay package.

Dr Eddie O'Connor, who took over the running of Bord na Móna, the state turf board, nine years ago is widely credited with turning one of the country's sleepiest public sector companies into a lean, dynamic organisation. However, his managerial achievements have been overshadowed by debate about his pay packet.

A Price Waterhouse report has shown that Dr O'Connor's overall package over the three years to last March totalled between Ir£150,000 and Ir£200,000 a year. He also received Ir£141,000 in expenses. Politicians say that the package is way in excess of government guidelines.

Barings inquiry may widen

BY ROBERT MILLER

MEMBERS of the Commons Treasury Select Committee may call other senior Barings executives after taking evidence today from Peter Norris, the bank's former chief executive officer.

As *The Times* revealed last week, a BBC *Inside Story* special, to be screened on Wednesday, will show Mr Norris admitting that he was shocked at the general lack on internal management controls in Barings and the "mad hatter's tea party" atmosphere in the days immediately before the £830 million crash.

The committee, headed by Sir Tom Arnold, is conducting its own investigation into the Barings crash, and has already interviewed Peter Baring, former chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy. Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, is to give evidence after Mr Norris.

Although repeatedly pressed by MPs to name the person he thought was responsible for failing to spot that Nick Leeson, whose trading brought about the bank's downfall, was a fraudster, Mr Baring refused to do so.

Sir Tom said this weekend: "We may call other individuals who were with Barings at the time of the crash after we have heard from Mr Norris."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 39

DIOECIOUS
(b) In Botany, having the unisexual male and female flowers on separate plants. In Zoology, having the two sexes in separate individuals. Sexually distinct. From the Greek for "having two houses". Darwin: "A species tending to become dioecious, with the stamens reduced in some individuals and with the pistils in others."

DRUGGET
(c) Coarse cloth. Formerly, a kind of stuff, all of wool, or mixed of wool and silk or wool and linen, used for wearing apparel. Now, a coarse woollen stuff used for floor-coverings, table-cloths, etc. From the French *drogue* as a stuff of little value. Some English writers have assumed a toponym from *Drogheda* in Ireland, but this is mere wanton conjecture, without any historical basis. "I remember plain John Dryden in one uniform clothing of Norwich drugget."

ETAGERE
(c) A piece of furniture having a number of shelves or stages, one above another, for receiving articles of elegance or use. A whotnot for showing off such useless objects as snuff-boxes, silver knick-knacks and china for display not use. From the French *étage* a shelf. "Etagère, a piece of cabinet furniture; a what-not, side-board, dumb-waiter or set of shelves."

DECENNOVAL
(c) Of or pertaining to 19 years. From the Latin *decennovālis*, *decem-novem* 19. "Dionysius Exiguus introduced the Decennoval Cycle (called the Golden Number) for the Celebration of Easter."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... cxd4! opens up a line for the black rook and leaves White helpless. e.g. 2 Ng4 f5 wins apiece. 2 Qh4 Rh5 *or* 2 Qf4 g5.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.06	1.90
Austria Sch	17.61	16.11
Belgium Fr	51.55	47.25
Canada $	2.215	2.055
Cyprus Cyp£	0.761	0.708
Denmark Kr	9.69	8.89
Finland Mkk	7.83	7.18
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.52	2.31
Greece Dr	388	363
Hong Kong $	12.60	11.60
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.44	4.79
Italy Lira	2497	2342
Japan Yen	181.80	165.80
Malta	0.598	0.543
Netherlds Gld	2.794	2.564
New Zealand $	2.45	2.23
Norway Kr	10.65	9.85
Portugal Esc	255.00	236.50
S Africa Rd	7.28	6.48
Spain Pta	207.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	11.03	10.23
Switzerland Fr	2.07	1.89
Turkey Lira	124414	116414
USA $	1.642	1.512

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5418 (-0.0079)
German mark
2.3656 (-0.0003)
Exchange index
86.3 (Same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2752.2 (-39.6)
FT-SE 100
3706.8 (-41.0)
New York Dow Jones
5697.11 (+53.93)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
21751.81 (-204.38)

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THE TIMES 1000 MAKERS OF SPORT BINDER TOKEN 2

Alasdair Murray reports on the next shot in the games war

Nintendo rejoins battle for world domination

Nintendo will fire the latest shot in the computer games war when it launches its state-of-the-art Ultra-64 games machine next week.

Nintendo will first blood the product on the company's home Japanese market before launching in the United States in September, and in the UK in late autumn.

The machine has been years in the development, plagued by technical problems and cancelled launch dates, with Nintendo losing valuable ground in the games market to its arch rivals Sony and Sega.

Sony made a pre-emptive strike against the Nintendo launch when it cut the price of its Playstation games console by £100 to £199 last week. Sony's price was also a response to Sega's £50 cut in May, to £249, in the price of its rival Saturn system. The price of the 32-bit Saturn has now halved since it was launched at £400 less than a year ago, as Sega struggles to compete. The price-cutting is all part of a three-cornered battle for supremacy in the £10 billion worldwide games hardware market.

Nearly 400,000 games consoles were sold in the UK alone last year with Sony's Playstation selling 200,000 units compared with just 50,000 Sega consoles. The relative failure of Sega sales in the UK and Europe has begun to hurt the group's profits. Sega revealed its profits had fallen by 18 per cent to £26 million this year after the company took a £160 million charge for scaling down its London-based European operations.

The gap in sales between the two companies is smaller worldwide, with analysts estimating that Sony sells four consoles for every three sold by Sega. But Sega responded to its poor results by cutting the price of the Saturn in the US to $199, and a further cut in price is expected in the UK shortly. Sega is also pinning hopes on the launch of a net link for the Saturn console, which will provide Internet services, including network gaming and e-mail, via the television.

Nintendo, meanwhile, which dominated the market in the late 1980s, chose to pass on the current round of fighting and steal a march on its rivals by launching the more sophisticated 64-bit Ultra games machine.

While group profits increased this year because of favourable currency fluctuations, underlying profits actually fell by 15 per cent, to £1.87 billion, and analysts are gloomy about the group's immediate financial prospects. Games enthusiasts, however, have been impressed with their first sighting of the Ultra, which was unveiled at a Los Angeles trade fair last month. The machine has a 3D graphic capability equal to a top-of-the-range computer and Nintendo is planning to retail the machine at £249, bringing it into immediate competition with the less sophisticated Sega Saturn.

But Nintendo will have fewer than a dozen software titles available at the launch, compared with around 100 titles on sale for the established 32-bit machines. Nintendo's software will also retail at around £70, up to 40 per cent more expensive than existing games software. The delay in the Ultra launch has also resulted in a number of major software companies defecting to rival camps.

The Ultra's ultimate success will depend heavily on Nintendo's ability to find a software success to match the Super Mario Brothers game, which was dominant in the early part of the decade.

The home computer is also becoming a major threat to all three games-makers. The spread of CD-Roms has meant that many homes now have computers capable of doubling up as serious game-playing machines. PCs are now responsible for about 40 per cent of all games sales, compared with 27 per cent in 1994.

Extra fees that please the auditor

For some leading companies, the biggest bills are for consultancy services, writes Jon Ashworth



Sir William Purves, the chairman of HSBC, which paid £9.4 million in audit fees to KPMG, and "only" £3.5 million for add-on services

Guinness. Pure Genius. And pure profit if you happen to be Price Waterhouse, which picked up fees of £10.2 million last year for its consulting and auditing work for the company. BT. It's good to talk. And even better if you happen to be Coopers & Lybrand, which was paid £6.9 million in 1995 for audit and consultancy services.

The numbers are big, as one would expect from operations on this scale. BT alone made a pre-tax profit of £3 billion on sales of £14.4 billion last year. But the curious part is how auditing, the lifeblood of so many accountancy firms, appears to be losing its traditional dominance. At Guinness, for instance, only £2.2 million out of £10.2 million in fees was spent on the statutory audit. The rest went on various consulting assignments, notably £3 million on restructuring in Europe, and £2 million on tax advice.

Browse through the accounts of Britain's biggest companies, and the gulf between audit and non-audit work is readily apparent. NatWest paid £15.6 million in fees last year, of which only £4.1 million was due for audit work by KPMG. Some £7.1 million went on regulatory, tax, debt investigation and other advisory services, and £4.4 million was spent on management consulting. NatWest said consulting assignments are put out to tender, but it does not itemise amounts payable to firms other than KPMG — a common practice for most companies. Wrap in the unseen figures, and the totals would undoubtedly swell.

Thorn EMI paid a total of £12.1 million in fees, of which only £3 million went to Ernst & Young for direct audit work. British Gas paid Price Waterhouse £1.5 million for audit work, and £6.9 million for non-audit services. Notable exceptions include HSBC, which paid £9.4 million in audit fees to KPMG, and "only" £3.5 million for add-on services. Hanson paid Ernst & Young £6 million for the audit, and £1 million for other work. The analysis is part of an annual review by *Accountancy Age*, the trade publication.

Most of the FT-SE 100 company audits belong to the Big Four accountants: Coopers & Lybrand, Price Waterhouse, KPMG, and Ernst & Young. Audit typically accounts for about 50 per cent of total fee income. But a sharp rise in merger and acquisitions (M&A) work in the past two years has fuelled demand for add-on services.

Firms are being called in to advise on a multitude of complex regulatory and tax issues, with the auditor, more often than not, winning the spoils. Experts are quick to emphasise, however, that the extra work is not simply handed to the incumbent on a plate.

Roger Davis, head of audit at Coopers & Lybrand, says the reverse may often be true. He said: "The top companies are all shopping around. Auditors are not getting an advantage. If anything, they are at a disadvantage." Mr Davis said the auditor would be expected to take on related work, such as regulatory reports, or due diligence on acquisitions. It is easier — and cheaper — to leave such work with someone who knows the business. More general consulting work — choosing a new computer system, for instance — would invariably be put out to competitive tender.

Gerry Acher, head of audit at KPMG, said winning non-audit work was far from a god-given right, and expects to see even more in the way of competitive tendering for consulting work in the future. This might apply in particular to computer projects worth £10 million or more. Mr Acher, chairman of the audit faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, disagreed that non-audit work was growing in relation to audit fees. However, he conceded that firms had benefited in the past two years, as companies emerging from recession set about restructuring.

With or without competitive tenders, a surprising proportion of overall advisory work still appears to remain firmly under one roof. BT, for instance, paid Coopers & Lybrand £2.1 million for its work as auditor last year, up from £1.9 million in 1994. The fee for other services, including regulatory audits and tax compliance work, amounted to more than £4 million. And a further £1.3 million in fees was payable to Coopers & Lybrand International for audit work overseas, and other services.

Grand Metropolitan, the name behind brands such as Pillsbury, Burger King and Häagen-Dazs, paid KPMG £4.4 million in audit fees last year. Other services to UK group companies incurred a further £3.6 million in fees, with an additional £1.9 million on services to non-UK subsidiaries. Total fees amounted to £9.95 million.

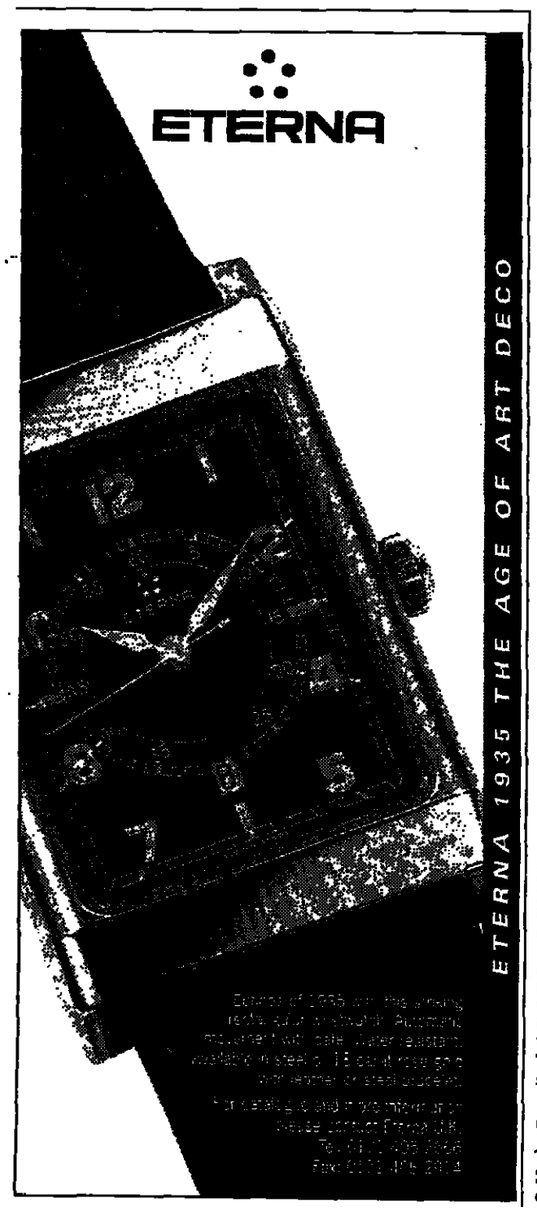
Demand for non-audit work often doubles the amount payable in fees. Commercial Union paid Coopers & Lybrand £2.3 million for audit work, and a further £2.5 million for additional services. The year before, the company paid Coopers £3.5 million for work relating to the acquisition of Groupe Victoire.

The figures need to be kept in perspective. Barclays, high in the league of fee-payers, paid Price Waterhouse £4.6 million in audit fees, and £4.2 million in respect of other accounting and regulatory work. The figures pale next to the amount spent in other areas — £88 million in consultancy fees (of which PW got £4.6 million), and £89 million for legal and other professional work.

FEES PAID TO AUDITORS 1994-95

Company	Group auditor	Total fees £m	Audit fee £m	Add-on services £m
NatWest	KPMG	15.6	4.1	11.5
Barclays	PW	13.4	4.6	8.8
BP	E&Y	13.2	5.5	7.7
HSBC	KPMG	12.9	9.4	3.5
Thorn EMI	E&Y	12.1	3.0	9.1
Lloyds TSB	PW	10.8	5.1	5.7
Guinness	PW	10.2	2.2	8.0
SB	PW/Coopers	10.0	4.0	6.0
GrandMet	KPMG	9.9	4.4	5.5
P&O	KPMG	9.1	4.2	4.9

Source: Accountancy Age



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Brisby back in the real world

STEPHEN BRISBY, former head of corporate finance at UBS, is making the most of a Spanish holiday before returning to work after a 14-month gardening leave. The acerbic Oxbridge graduate, has been lured back to work as head of international mergers and acquisitions at Société Générale.

Meanwhile, *Country Life* readers will have spotted Brisby's splendid pad in Leicestershire up for sale. Brisby, 46, and his Danish wife once out-bid Kathleen Tynan for a £2 million Kensington residence.

Opera antics

THE staff notice board at Schroders, advertises discounted tickets for the latest English National Opera production of *La Traviata* in September — but they are not available to board members. Schroders, sponsors of the event, either assumes that top dogs can pay full whack, or that corporate tickets will be available later.



Top of the scale: English National Opera is preparing to entertain Schroders's directors, but at what price?

Just the job

DAVID McINTOSH, a senior partner at Davies Arnold Cooper, and a member-elect of the Law Society Council, was so impressed with a student speaking at a recent Oxford Union debate that he offered him a job. The first-year law student was aghast to hear the offer after he spoke from the floor against the motion McIntosh was defending: "This house would radically reform the judiciary."

Best of enemies

PAULINE HEDGES, former press officer at the British Bankers Association, is joining forces with consumer advocate Patricia Griffiths, founder of Bank Action Group. The pair will be working at Griffiths's business, helping disgruntled bank customers. Hedges said: "I know bank staff are not infallible — I used to be one."

MORAG PRESTON

RADIO CHOICE

More grave than gravy

With Great Pleasure. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

I still preferred it when *With Great Pleasure* was performed in front of an audience. In my book, pleasure shared is pleasure doubled. This poetry and prose series starts up again this morning with the Beat poet, Allen Ginsberg, 70 this month, talking in his New York apartment about his favourite versifiers and breaking off for recordings by some of them. Under the influence of mystical reading and vegetarian cooking, he says, he once heard the ghostly voice of William Blake. This prompted him to set certain Blake poems to music. If they are all as lugubrious as the one we hear today, it doesn't say much for vegetarianism, mysticism, or Ginsberg as a singer.

Jazz Score. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*

Can this quiz really be 18 years old? If that had been one of the answers tonight, there would have been the loudest gasp of disbelief anywhere on BBC radio all day. Benny Green is again in the chair, and John Dankworth, Cleo Laine, trombonist Rob McConnell and clarinetist Alan Barnes are the contestants. Nobody gets an answer wrong, and I think the anecdotes are unusually good. One of them concerns Bruce Adams, he of quintet fame. The morning after a heavy night before, he complained that he was suffering from the wrath of grapes. We also learn why it is not really serious if a classical guitar player accidentally bashes his left thumb with a hammer.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **6.30am** Chris Evans, incl Newsbeat **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Beck and Octopus in session **9.00** In Concert: Paul Weller Highlights from last night's concert in Finsbury Park in North London **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Denis Tuohy **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Alex Lester **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Malcolm Laycock **8.30** Big Band Special (Music Live on Tour) **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score. See Choice (1/8) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Sue McGarry **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.05** Actuality and **3.45** Entertainment News, with Lucy Longhurst **4.05** Euro 96: Scotland v Holland **6.30** News Extra incl at **6.50** Sports Bulletin **7.05** Euro 96: Romania v France **9.35** On the Job **10.05** News Talk, with Mike Baker **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Going South **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News in German **9.15** International Question Time **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Andy Kershaw **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Hoax **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack Hit List **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Living in the City **10.45** Moments That Changed Our World **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Record News **12.30** Multitrack Hit List **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Global Concerns **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian (Feature) **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00 Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Celebrity Choice (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Nick Bailey **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in B flat, Op 9 No 7); Mussorgsky (Dawn over the Moscow River, Khovanshchina); Debussy (Cello Sonata); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz: Morning Papers); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Tchaikovsky (June, The Seasons); Handel (Cantata: Donne che in ciel); Delius (Song of a Great City)
10.00 Musical Encounters. *Artist of the Week*: Czech Philharmonic, under Vaclav Talich. Smetana (Sarka, Ma vlast) **10.11** Krommer (Clarinet Quintet in E flat); Dvořak (Slavonic Rhapsody No 3 in A flat; Biblical Songs, excerpts) **11.12** Martinu (Nonet); Kanacek (Taras bulba)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Weber
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Peter Donohoe, piano. Rachmaninov (Etudes-tableaux, Op 39: No 3 in F sharp minor; No 4 in B minor); Shostakovich (Sonata No 2), Stravinsky (Three Movements from Petrushka)
2.00 Schools The Song Tree **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Orchestra under David Shallon. With Michaela Fukacova, cello. Weber (Overture: Euryanthe); Walton (Cello Concerto); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor)
4.30 Crystal Silence. The final part of the story of the record label ECM features Richard Cook's interview with Manfred Eicher
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune. Presented by Andrew Green. Includes Beethoven (Bagatelle in B minor, Op 126 No 4); Grainger (Shallow Brown); Tchaikovsky (Polonaise, Eugene Onegin)
7.30 Ulster Orchestra, under En Shao. With Hagai Shaham, violin. Hindemith (Symphony: Mathis der Maler); Sibelius (Violin Concerto); Walton (Symphony No 1)
9.20 Are You Still Awake? The first of five plays by Russell Davies, set in bed and starring real-life couples. With Timothy West and Prunella Scales (r)
9.35 Six Choruses, by Gustav Holst. The Holst Singers and Orchestra under Hilary Davan Wetton
10.00 Ensemble, with the Chameleon Ensemble. Ligeti (Six bagatelles for wind quintet); Mozart (Adagio in B flat, K411); Poulenc (Sextet for piano and wind)
10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell
11.30 Composer of the Week: Böhm, Bruhns and Buxtehude (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Night School Music for Dance **1.30** Radio Revista
2.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **3.30** Mangore, Dowland and Bach **3.50** Mahler **4.30** Cascia, Bologna and Landini **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25,** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Letters from a Diplomat (2/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week Melvyn Bragg is joined by Allison Pearson, Martin Amis, Will Hutton, Roger Graef and Bernadette Vallely
10.00 News; With Great Pleasure (FM only). See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.00 Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). The final day's play
11.30 Money Box Live (FM only): 0171-580 4444
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only)
12.25pm Brain of Britain 1996 (FM only). Chaired by Robert Robinson **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r)
1.40 Test Match Special (LW only)
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Mr Solowei and the Unicorn (FM only). by Helen Buhaenko. With Cyril Shaps, Clare Isaac, Steve Hodson and Greg Ashton (r)
2.00 Test Match Special (LW only)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift (FM only).
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only). Lynne Walker profiles Hans Werner Henze, Composer in Residence at this year's Aldeburgh Festival
4.45 Short Story: The Rebel (FM only). By Madeleine Wickham. Read by Patience Tomlinson
5.00 PM (FM only) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
5.55 Test Match Special (LW only)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play; Secure Within by Martyn Wade. A black comedy starring Anna Massey, Brenda Blethyn, Stephen Moore and Julian Rhind-Tutt
9.00 Living Like This. Twenty years ago, art student Daniel Meadows set out to photograph the lives and faces of ordinary people living in Britain. Alan Dein reports on Meadows's return to some of the places and people he met
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Craven House John Moffatt reads Patrick Hamilton's novel (1/5)
11.00 Out of Order (FM only) (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30 Babbbelwick Hall (FM only). The final episode of Scott Cherry's sit-com starring Nicholas Le Prevost (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News 12.27am approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Skin Tight, by Carl Hiaasen. Read by Angus Macinnes (1/10) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Plain tale of people behind the headlines

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

The great advantage of making retro costume telly is that current affairs developments don't get in the way. *No Bananas* can do Dunkirk, for example — as it did last night — and feel pretty safe that the Allies will definitely win the war in the next four or five years.

Contemporary drama has less of this luxury. Graham Reid's **The Precious Blood** for Saturday's *Screen Two* (BBC2) must have been a deeply anxious project, because it was constructed on the wobbly foundations of the ceasefire in Northern Ireland. But what is it like when a war ends? How does the cessation of hostility affect two particular people — a dowdy, Roman Catholic Belfast widow whose Protestant husband was shot in bed beside her 12 years ago; and a born-again former UVF gunman, who now poses at a mirror with a Bible against his chest? Their desires are neatly diametrical. The widow (Amanda Burton) has to keep the past alive, while battling with her confused teenage son John; the gunman (Kevin McNally) begs Christ to forgive and forget his terrible sins.

The Precious Blood was daringly simple. In fact, anybody not guessing in the first half-hour that Kevin McNally shot Amanda Burton's husband should really have their television licence taken away. But sincerity, compassion and good acting count for a lot, and so whenever Kevin McNally said: "I'd love to find all the people who've suffered as a result of my actions," or Amanda Burton pointed to her son and declared: "I just wish I could find the one that killed his father," there was no cause to laugh, or even to shout: "He's behind you!" The fitting but surprising climax of *The Precious Blood* was the heart-stopping cringe of anguish when Burton finally recognised the truth. It was an emotional moment of rare intensity, and well worth waiting for.

Elsewhere in the plot, the mixed-up son (Michael Legge) tried to channel his aggression into boxing, but under pressure reverted to chucking bricks. Far too many bricks are lying louse on the streets of Belfast, if you want my opinion. Imagine you wanted a brick this minute; it would be hell to find. But then the first shot of the film showed the demolition of Amanda Burton's old house — symbolically, another example of the obliterated past: while practically, a plentiful source of missiles.

When **Wycliffe** (ITV) first appeared on our screens a couple of years ago, I was rather dismissive of it. In fact I thought it was a great big zero, and a shameful waste of Jack Shepherd. Last summer this wooden O earned such a high rating in the ITV schedules I had to put my head in a bucket and scream. This is what people like, apparently. And serve them right, this is what they get.

So Cornwall's own *Wycliffe* is back with a new series, and well, just track that pulse rate and see it die. Last night's story concerned multiple deaths of a sensational nature (would-be immigrants suffocated in a lorry) — in the real world, headline news. But in the tranquillised milieu of *Wycliffe*, the glamorous detective with the long red hair says: "Looks like an immigration scam that's gone badly wrong," and is proved right over the next 55 minutes. Regional detective stories often over-compensate for their bucolic setting. Last year one ITV drama had a Midlands cop dealing single-handedly with the ritualistic serial slaughter of small children (under the full moon), utterly unhampered by the interest of the national press.

In previous series of *Wycliffe*, Jack Shepherd's wife and children have been notably absent, which was fine by me. But last night the omission was rectified, to satisfy the nation's curiosity. What a letdown. It's as though Inspector Morse had said in the second episode "Oh just call me Dougal, everyone else does!" Anyway, Wycliffe made a nice speech to his wife (it was their anniversary) and she smiled a lot. But it's a tradition of cop-vet-doctor series that the family whinges all the time — we never see you, Daddy, you *always* put immigrant suffocation ahead of us! Wycliffe's family have hit the ground running in this regard. Oh God, it's so incredibly tedious.

Back on Friday (can we remember that far, when so much footie has intervened?), **Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives** (Channel 4) was hilarious. Having played aristocrat brothers in the first, less successful outing, this week they were pretentious, high-principled beatnik poets — "We're real kind of blanket in the window type people" — who scowl indoors in overcoats and hate the Establishment, while actually cooking with Delia. Jack Dee is brilliant at teenage petulance, and also looks good in a Joe Orton leather cap, so it was a perfect role. At the dimly-lit milksop poetry club where he and Jeremy Hardy performed "dangerous" improvisation, his dark glasses raised a snigger. "D'you want some?" he pouted. "Coz I'm ruddy well in the mood f'rit."

Sharing their flat were a mime artist, a terrible Irish wit called Eugene ("I never struggle. I only give in!"), and Stephen Frost as a naked Glaswegian abstract painter — all of whom cheerfully sold out before the half-hour was up. Jack and Jeremy's one chance of fame was lost because a dour, Geordie, Jimmy Nail figure (beautifully played by Hardy) squeezed them out of a BBC2 late night programme. "It's bloody tragic everyone thinks of Jimmy Hard as an actor-writer-producer-director," spat Dee. "No one credits him for being a singer-songwriter-producer-director-actor." The true voice of the nobody, that was.

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BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (33854)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (38045)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2413381)
9.20 Morning Surgery (s) (1187584)
9.50 Fighting Back (r) (Ceefax) (1396010)
10.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (1211294)
10.45 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (3604923)
10.55 Cricket — First Test: England v India. Highlights (8565126)
11.25 Wildlife On One (6263818)
12.05 News and weather (7340294)
12.05 The Natural World(2515294)
1.00pm News (Ceefax) and weather (31132)
1.30 Regional News and weather (39956923)
1.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (7522687) **1.55 Lovejoy** (35694768) **2.45 Perry Mason** (20557690) ***4.20 Captain Calypso*** (1333658)
5.10 What A Carry On (1014294)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (298300)
6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (213)
6.30 Regional News magazines (325229) **N.I.: 6.57-7.25 EastEnders**
6.45 EastEnders. Ted tries to understand Sarah's newfound religion. (Ceefax) (s) (246316)
7.15 Euro 96 Live: Romania v France. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of tonight's Group B match at St James' Park, Newcastle with studio guests Alan Hansen and Ruud Gullit. Also: highlights from Scotland's opening match against Holland at Villa Park (Ceefax) (s) (84396478)
9.30 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (40749)
10.00 Panorama: Back to the USSR. Jane Corbin reports on the tense build-up to Russia's presidential elections (Ceefax) (762855)
10.40 Cold Lazarus. Dennis Potter's final drama series. Murders are being uncovered in 2368 and, via Daniel's tormented memories, in present-day London. Only the subversive Rons stand between Stitz and his plans to turn Daniel's mind into a global ratings hit. With Albert Finney and Frances de la Tour (3/4) (r) (Ceefax) (s) (640774)
11.40 Film 96 with Barry Norman. New releases under review include *How to Make an American Quilt*, starring Winona Ryder, Anne Bancroft, Ellen Burstyn and Kate Nelligan; and *The Juror*, with Alec Baldwin and Demi Moore. Plus the views of moviegoers on this year's films so far and a look ahead to some of this summer's aspiring blockbusters, including *Mission Impossible, Independence Day, Twister*, and *Eraser* (Ceefax) (s) (611132)
12.10 FILM: And Millions Will Die (1973) with Richard Basehart, Leslie Nielsen and Joseph First. After it is discovered that a time bomb filled with lethal gas has been buried under Hong Kong, the environmental crisis team, E Force, goes into action to save the city from disaster. Directed by Leslie Martinson (Ceefax) (443633)
1.45am *Weather* (1970411)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Dynamic Analysis (6654671) **6.25** *The Politics of Equal Opportunity* (1663107)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3943687)
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (1181652) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7509565) **8.20 Brum** (r) (8513949)
8.30 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5479720)
9.05 Zig Zag (s) (2410294) **9.25 Movable Feasts** (5638497) **9.40 Jeunes Francophones** (s) (2402749) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (2034861) **10.25 Hotch Potch House** (s) (5586497) **10.45 Look and Read Special** (s) (1628890) **11.05 Zig Zag: Danger Detectors** (s) (4629132) **11.25 Showcase** (s) (4043316) **11.35 TV6** (s) (8387519) **12.05pm Lifeschool Extra: Careers** (s) (8528478)
12.30 Working Lunch (51855)
1.00 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (s) (31319720) **1.20 Landmarks** (Ceefax) (s) (31320836) **1.45 Storytime** (s) (72972958) **2.00 Brum** (r) (73896565) **2.10 Holiday Outings** (78101403)
2.15 FILM: Bare Essentials (1990) starring Gegory Harrison and Lisa Hartman. A recently-engaged couple are marooned on an isolated Pacific island. Directed by Martha Coolidge (Ceefax) (212294)
4.00 Tex Avery (r) (6263107) **4.05 Fudge** (Ceefax) (s) (9889890) **4.30 FOT** (Ceefax) (s) (590) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (4802841) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (1012836)
5.35 Cricket — First Test. England v India. Highlights from Edgbaston (s) (908652)
6.15 FILM: Rio Conchos (1964) with Richard Boone, Stuart Whitman and Tony Franciosa. When an Apache burial party is cut down by a barrage from the Spencer rifle of a mysterious marksman, an American cavalry patrol is sent to investigate. Directed by Gordon Douglas (48043942)
8.00 In the Blood: Divided We Stand (4/6) (Ceefax) (s) (602687)
8.50 Building Sights: Humber Bridge (4/8) (Ceefax) (s) (660039)
9.00 The X Files: Eve. After two identical murders at exactly the same time on two different coasts, Mulder suspects that there has to be supernatural involvement (r) (Ceefax) (s) (163823)



James Hunt drives to glory (9.45pm)

9.45 Clash of the Titans: Hunt v Lauda. A new series focusing on memorable clashes between sporting greats (Ceefax) (s) (182738)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (442229)
11.15 Face to Face. With Ken Dodd (954294)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sir Bernard Ingham (s) (15614)
12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

In the Blood: Divided We Stand
BBC2, 8.00pm

Professor Steve Jones goes into very tricky waters this week and needs all his scientific caution to stay afloat. The subject is what, if anything, genetics can tell us about racial difference. As usual in this series, Jones eschews slick answers. He is more concerned to expose flaws in the theories of others. As he points out, race is not just a genetic question but a political one and he is at pains to separate the two. Jones dismisses the contention of the American professor, Charles Murray, that the genes of black people give them a lower level of intelligence. But he is equally sceptical about counter-claims from the black community. Jones's conclusion is not the stuff of headlines but at least it puts the argument in perspective: the differences between individuals of the same colour are far greater than the differences between whites and blacks in general.

Building Sights
BBC2, 8.50pm

A windblown Simon Armitage stands on the Humber Bridge and brings his poet's eye to a celebration of poise, balance and symmetry. Do not expect much about the engineering, though Armitage succinctly explains the principle of the suspension bridge in terms of two props and a line of washing. Other images quickly suggest themselves. Armitage likens the bridge to a cat's cradle strung out across a river and then amends "strung" to "spun". The pay booths and closed-circuit television cameras have the sinister ring of a checkpoint or border crossing in the old Eastern Europe. He marvels that the structure can be sustained on one continuous line of wire only a few millimetres thick. Evocative photography complements and even enhances Armitage's words.

An Independent Man: The First Loser
ITV, 9.00pm

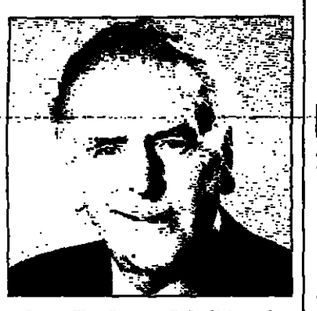
A long-ago episode of *Minder*, in which Arthur Daley stood for his local council, inspired its writer David Yallop to create this amiable comedy-drama which also stars George Cole. Although Cole's latest character is not exactly Arthur, he is another small businessman making a dubiously honest crust in the London suburbs. And Yallop has provided him with some vintage Daley lines. But the writing generally displays both wit and a light touch. Cole's Freddie Patterson owns a string of hairdressing salons, two of which are threatened by plans for a multistorey car park. This persuades Freddie to become a councillor, but disgust with the antics of the two main parties leads him to take an independent line. Mel Martin and George Asprey play Freddie's wife and son, John Salthouse his main political adversary.

Clash of the Titans: Hunt v Lauda
BBC2, 9.45pm

A series on classic sporting encounters seems determined to demonstrate that there is nothing so unlikely as real life. It would have taken a novelist of exceptional imagination to have created the scenario for the 1976 Formula One season. Niki Lauda, the reigning champion, was motor racing's nearest thing to a bionic man, programmed to drive perfect races. His main opponent that year, though few would have bet on it at the start, was James Hunt, charming, reckless, only one grand prix win behind him and known as Hunt the shunt because of his propensity for crashing cars. Lauda opened up a huge lead and the contest seemed over. Then a crash in Germany nearly killed Lauda and Hunt roared back into contention. **Peter Waymark**

ITV

6.00am GMTV (7083229)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (1171923)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2948010)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9960590)
10.35 This Morning (77125749)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7346478)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4114687)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4026478)
1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (7681045)
2.00 Murder, She Wrote (r) (8413107)
2.50 Garden Calendar (Teletext) (8420045)
3.20 News (4771213)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (4770584)
3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (6126229) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (3414768) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (r) (s) (6120045)
4.05 Euro 96: Holland v Scotland. Live coverage from Villa Park as Holland take on Scotland in the second group A match (Teletext) (12405887)
6.30 News and weather (Teletext) (274497)
6.45 HTV News (Teletext) (220720)
7.00 Tonight with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan with special guest Rachel Hunter (9949)
7.30 Coronation Street. There are mixed feelings as two sons, Terry Duckworth and Stephen Field, return home; Mavis and Derek become increasingly concerned about Angela (Teletext) (395)
8.00 World in Action. What it is like to live next door to "the neighbours from Hell" (Teletext) (3039)
8.30 Take Your Pick hosted by Des O'Connor (Teletext) (8774)



Councillor George Cole (9.00pm)

9.00 An Independent Man: The First Loser (Teletext) (s) (4045)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (28039)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (570671)
10.40 Euro 96. Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of the Group B match between Romania and France from St James's Park. Either of these teams could be quarter-final opponents for England or Scotland. Commentary is by John Helm. Plus the latest news from the England and Scotland camps (Teletext) (562942)
11.40 Good Advice. Comedy about a marriage counsellor experiencing problems in her own relationships (r) (533300)
12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (4107968)
12.40 The Big Match — Replayed (8699701)
1.25 International Festival of the Sea. Highlights from Bristol (4176546)
2.25 Euro 96 Replayed (r) (Teletext) (15090904)
4.40 Profile (88857850)
5.00 An Invitation to Remember (r) (25188)
5.30 News (10169)

As HTV WEST except:
2.50pm-3.20 The New Mr & Mrs Show (8420045)*
6.45-7.00 Wales Tonight *(220720)*
11.40 Artyfax (533300)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25-12.30 My Story (7354497)
12.55 Coronation Street (4026478)
1.25 Cross Wits (59978768)
1.55 Home and Away Special: Shane and Angel — Love Story (42176233)
2.25 Men in a Woman's World. How Truro Girls High School appointed a male headmaster for the first time in the school's 113-year history (47812328)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (9689403)
6.45-7.00 Westcountry News (220720)
11.40 ITV Sport Classics. The 1984 NFL darts final (533300)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away Special: Shane and Angel — Love Story (4026478)
1.25 Cross Wits (59978768)
1.55 A Country Practice (35953652)
2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (8477107)
6.45-7.00 Central News and Weather (220720)
12.45am Film: No Secrets (1982) starring Oliver Reed, Sylvaine Charlet and Peter Cushing. A comedy about a crashed US spacecraft and its crew being held to ransom by a despotic African dictator. Directed by Peter Curran (583850)
2.25 Euro 96 Replayed (15090904)
4.40 Jobfinder (1645508)
5.20 Asian Eye (8626411)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Coronation Street (4026478)
1.25 Home and Away Special (59978768)
1.55 Shortland Street (35953652)
2.20 Blue Heelers (8426671)
3.10-3.20 Breakaways (9015590)
6.45-7.00 Meridian Tonight (220720)
11.40 Meridian Works (533300)
5.00am Freescreen (25188)

S4C

Starts: 6.40 Super Dave (9595294) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (58855) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (59836) **9.30 Le Petit Monde De Pierre** (9854478) **9.45 Book Box** (9948861) **10.00 Stage Two Science** (5578478) **10.15 Schools at Work** (8338010) **10.20 Place and People** (5572294) **10.40 The English Programme** (8642229) **11.05 Encyclopaedia Galactica** (4945720) **11.15 The Mix** (9532229) **11.30 Penawdau** (6544861) **11.45 Back Tracks** (6549316) **12.00 The Way We Were** (18652) **12.30pm Alfred J. Kwak** (46923) **1.00 Slot Melithrin** (51942) **1.30 Film: The Rebel** (65861) **3.30 The Lost Waterway** (869) **4.00 Backdate** (774) **4.30 Australia Wild** (958) **5.00 5 Pump: Y Newid Mawr** (2641671) **5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil** (8503854) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (710) **6.00 Newyddion** (723687) **6.15 Heno** (161294) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (572855) **7.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (730788) **8.00 Cyn Cefn Gwlad: Ceirlog** (4381) **8.30 Newyddion** (6316) **9.00 Hidden Kingdoms** (2687) **10.00 Astronauts** (8024229) **11.05 Roseanne** (936213) **11.35 NYPD Blue** (776958) **12.30am Tales from the Wasteland: Nothing to Lose** (44998) ***1.30 Close 4.00 Schools*** (6687121)

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12.00 The Way We Were. A four-part series looking back at the history behind social phenomena, beginning with night clubs (r) (Teletext) (s) (18652) **12.30pm Sesame Street** (r) (s) (44768) **1.30 Wowser** (80572854)
1.55 Quality Control. A comedy short about a JobCentre trainee who is totally out of his depth as a quality controller at a skateboard factory (35960942)
2.15 FILM: School for Scoundrels (1959, b/w) with Ian Carmichael, Alastair Sim and Terry-Thomas. Charming comedy based on Stephen Potter's "One-upmanship" books. Directed by Robert Hamer and Cyril Frankel. (Teletext) (221942). Followed by **Broke!**
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (774) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (958) **5.00 The Montel Williams Show** (Teletext) (s) (7894132) **5.50 Terrytoons** (909565) **6.00 The Cosby Show** (r) (Teletext) (923) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (Teletext) (s) (403)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (570213)
7.55 Broke! (s) (897836)
8.00 Fair Game. Greg Dyke looks at the increasing use of hypnotic techniques to enhance sporting performance (Teletext) (s) (4381)



Matthew Wilkinson reports (8.30pm)

8.30 Undercover Britain. Matthew Wilkinson exposes how the most vulnerable in society are driven into debt and desperation (Teletext) (6316)
9.00 Astronauts (2/3) (Teletext) (2687)
10.00 FILM: Sibling Rivalry (1990). A black comedy with Kirstie Alley as a bored American housewife yearning for excitment. Directed by Carl Reiner. (Teletext) (837519) Followed by **Broke!**
11.40 Brett Butler. The American comedian entertains in San Francisco (r) (919381)
12.15am Paul McCartney Live. The singer recorded in concert in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the start of his 1993 New World tour (r) (15042879)
2.40 FILM: The Devil's Playground (1946, b/w). A western starring William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy. Directed by George Archainbaud (3110898). Ends at **3.50**
4.00-4.45 Schools: The Mix — Let's Dance (6687121)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (74861) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7671701) **9.20** Love Connection (1836836) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6552720) **10.40** Jeopardy! (1472923) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (4153045) **12.00** Sightings (41958) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (79229) **1.00** Hotel (94584) **2.00** Geraldo (66571) **3.00** Court TV (6959) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (51441132) **4.15** Undun (6556942) **5.00** Quantum Leap (7010) **6.00** Space Precinct (74720) **7.00** LAPD (5039) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1565) **8.00** Strange Luck (31039) **9.00** Fire (17303) **10.00** Quantum Leap (10590) **11.00** Highlander (98497) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2773701) **12.45am** Civil Wars (6272362) **1.30** Anything But Love (59256) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (85886182)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (7869861) **9.30** The Book Show (1463720) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (5043803) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (28855) **2.30** Parliament Live (16749) **3.30** Parliament Live (6697) **5.00** Live at Five (92497) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (24768) **7.30** Sportsline (911687) **8.10** CBS (24768) **7.30** Sportsline (911687) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (1644971) **9.00** Sky World News and Business (846478) **11.30** CBS Evening News (99257) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (95846) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (6301459) **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes (2199091) **3.30** Parliament Replay (16343) **4.30** CBS Evening News (90850) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (52169)

SKY MOVIES

5.00am To Joy (1949) (46787519) **7.40 The Bible (1966)** (62490107) **10.30 Surf Ninjas (1993)** (53855) **12.00 Weekend at Bernie's II (1993)** (42774) **2.00pm Oh God! Book II (1980)** (38942) **4.00 The Lemon Sisters (1990)** (2342) **6.00 Surf Ninjas (1993)** (83565) **7.30 El Feature (1993)** (2861) **8.00 Trail of Tears (1995)** (58478) **9.30 Weekend at Bernie's II (1993)** (45045) **11.00 Man Without a Face (1993)** (94942) **1.00am Bound and Gagged: A Love Story (1993)** (12985) **2.30 Martin's Day (1984)** (1279701) **4.05-6.00 The Lemon Sisters (1990)** (8963243)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Devil Is a Woman (1935) (63316) **2.00pm The Bridges at Toko-ri (1954)** (10584) **4.00 Room Service (1938)** (6765519) **5.20 Raid on Entebbe (1976)** (72897768) **7.50 Mickey (1976)** (46833126) **10.00 Friday the 13th (1980)** (5511107) **11.40 The Thing (from Another World) (1951)** (789710) **1.10am Zelig (1983)** (4430169) **2.30-4.00 A Woman of Paris (1923)** (60072)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am George White's 1935 Scandals (1935) (30774) **8.00 Tom Sawyer (1986)** (2715687) **8.55 Red Planet (1993)** (5402213) **10.05 Whose Child Is This? The War for Baby Jessica (1993)** (54576045) **12.00 Sweet Smell of Success (1957)** (40316) **2.00pm Seduced by Evil (1994)** (36584) **4.00 Gulliver's Travels (1963)** (53641) **6.00 A Young Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1994)** (16720) **8.00 Forrest Gump (1994)** (28506671) **10.25 Rising Sun (1993)** (23509842) **12.35am Irresistible Force (1993)** (4228614) **1.55 Mr Hercules Against Karate (1973)** (387324) **3.40-6.00 Adventures of a Plumber's Mate (1978)** (64597576)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Quack Attack (20957768) **6.30** Ducktales (43837497) **7.00** Quack Attack (62415619) **7.30** Chip 'n' Dale (62321126) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (93689497) **8.30** Sing Me a Story (93668768) **9.00** Lamb Chop (93662720) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (42362126) **10.00** Muppet Babies (43828749) **10.30** Pooh Corner (93764132) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (23243720) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (23251749) **12.00** Disney Presents (42382749) **1.00pm** FILM: Alan and Naomi (43832942) **3.00** Ducktales (26103687) **3.30** Quack Attack (65330687) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale (65236294) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (65232478) **5.00** Gargoyles (26108132) **5.30** Danger Bay (65229958) **6.00** Tarzan **7.00** Zorro (26022768) **7.30** FILM: Double Dynamite (17498774) **9.00** Hollywood Lives (23263584) **9.30-10.00** *Dinosaurs*

EUROSPORT

7.30am International Motorsports Report (91126) **8.30** Truck Racing (37836) **9.00** Football (86403) **11.00** Motorcycling (11316) **12.00** Football (68687) **1.30pm** Football, Denmark v Portugal (70590) **3.00** Football, Germany v Czech Republic (14774) **4.30** Indycar (97229) **5.30** Speedworld (71132) **6.30** Football (57010) **7.30** Live Football France v Romania (65768) **9.30** Football Netherlands v Scotland (83841) **11.00** Eurogolf Magazine (29381) **12.00-12.30am** Trickshot (84782)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (25565) **7.30** Watersports World (79658) **8.30** Racing News (42768) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (26720) **9.30** Fresh Line (70039) **10.00** Super League (33584) **11.00** The Asian Golf Show (13720) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (46584) **12.30pm** Ford Scorpio Golf USA: Buick Classic (855403) **3.30** PGA European Tour: Murphy's English Open (83805) **5.00** Rebel Sports (45119) **5.30** Max Out (3132) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (781381) **6.05** Sports Unlimited (982126) **7.00** The Winning Post: Warwick and Windsor (80229) **8.30** Ford Mondeo International Cricket: England v India (59584) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (680749) **10.15** Pool World Eight Ball Championships (118233) **12.15am** Sports Unlimited (6556833) **1.15** The Asian Golf Show (851817) **2.15-2.45** Max Out (224527)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook: "The Auld Enemy" (8739774) **11.30-1.00am** World Cup Classics: Argentina v England 1986 (6165381)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

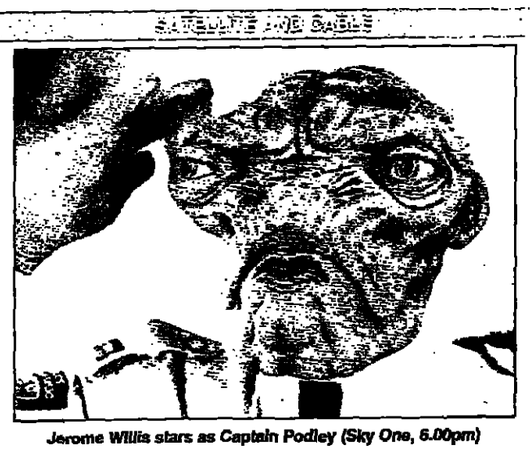
4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Voice of Faith with Walter Hallam **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Miracles — Yesterday Today and Forever **6.15** Word of Life with Ulf Ekman **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (4447671) **7.55** As the World Turns (1352749) **8.50** Peyton Place (2443671) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (7105584) **10.10-11.00** Another World (5630774)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (4764584) **11.30** Independent Travellers Guide (1909687) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (3797010) **1.00** Getaway (7076403) **1.30** *Great Escapes* (3796381) **2.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (4974855) **2.30** Mansions (2518132) **3.00** Globetrotter (4059580) **3.30** Around the World . . . in 30 Minutes (9127294) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (31822942)



Jerome Willis stars as Captain Podley (Sky One, 6.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Imperial Sunset at Saipan (4755836) **5.00** Subway (4977942) **6.00-7.00** Biography. Hirohito (3885229)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm The Tomorrow People (4978671) **7.30** Captain Power (2433497) **8.00** Starman (8938381) **9.00** The Outer Limits (8021045) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (2093256) **2.00-4.00** FILM: Dr Strange (9007324)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (6189478) **9.30** Grow Your Greens (1116010) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (2422584) **10.30** This Old House with Steve and Norm (6274590) **11.00** Homemaker (8830836) **11.30** Room Service (8831565) **12.00** Julia Child (6192942) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (1127126) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (5444107) **1.30** Furniture to Go (1126497) **2.00** Our House (7164294) **2.30** The Garden Show (6135774) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (7256229) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (6147519)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (5447294) **7.30** Neighbours (5539229) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (6191213) **8.30** EastEnders (6190584) **9.00** The Bill (6181836) **9.30** The Sullivans (1125768) **10.00** Kessler (5455213) **11.00** Bullseye (8632294) **11.30** Gibberish (7045126) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (4431836) **12.30** Neighbours (1139584) **1.00** EastEnders (8219887) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4474836) **2.15** Man About the House (4911872) **2.50** Three Up, Two Down (1415590) **3.30** The Bill (6043749) **4.00** Casualty (8929774) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5507720) **5.45** Allo 'Allo! (3020923) **6.25** EastEnders (1758403) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9970720) **8.00** FILM: Without a Clue (9990584) **10.00** The Bill (4538039) **10.35** The Best of Top of the Pops (6168010) **11.20** Capital City (1746010) **12.25am** FILM: Station West (1203879) **2.00-3.00** *Shopping* (3581817)

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Ministers to overhaul state's support schemes for industry


Heseltine: launching paper

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government is set to announce a radical overhaul of the entire range of official state support services for business.

The move, to be made by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, this week, is part of the Government's latest initiative on UK industrial and economic competitiveness, which ministers will promote with a new White Paper on Britain's comparative competitive performance on Thursday.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will launch the White Paper with the support of a range of ministers, including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Mr Lang.

The White Paper will acknowledge the continuing gap between most companies in Britain and world-class companies from competitor nations, and will focus particularly on a skills audit of the UK's education and training performance.

Ministers will also announce a range of detailed moves on related issues, including education and deregulation, and Mr Lang will announce results of a Whitehall review of the services the Government provides for business in the UK.

The review, commissioned by the Prime Minister, will preface a wholesale restructuring of Government-provided business services, which currently cost about £260 million in grants and other forms of aid for business.

Services covered by the review, initiated by John Major after consulting widely with small business, include regional selective assistance, to which the Government currently allocates some £100 million, to help investment projects that create jobs or safeguard employment in assisted areas. Labour will this week also announce the results of its own long-running examination of help for Britain's regions.

Other schemes that will be covered include the small firms loan guarantee scheme, support for the development of Business Links, inward investment promotion and the development programme for chambers of commerce.

Although the Department of Trade and Industry will keep both responsibility and funding for business support schemes, Mr Lang will propose this week that the running of the schemes be pushed much closer to businesses that use them — at local level, by Business Links and Training and Enterprise Councils, and at sectoral level by industry bodies.

Labour is likely to seize on this proposal with accusations of state aid being handed over by the Government to the private sector.

The Government is expected to reject once again new statutory measures on late payment of debt. Ian Pearson, a Labour small firms spokesman, said yesterday that the move showed clearly the Government moving in the wrong direction, against the wishes of small firms at local level.

The White Paper's skills audit will show that educational achievement in Britain lags markedly behind that of competitor nations. Mrs Shephard said yesterday that it was essential to make such comparisons so that it could be seen what improvements were needed.

British Energy set for £100m dividend row

By Sarah Cunningham

BRITISH Energy will today cause a political storm when its pathfinder prospectus forecasts a dividend payout of nearly £100 million, almost double the level of the company's expected profits.

In addition, investors will not have to meet the final instalment for their shares until after the full dividend has been paid.

A dividend of this size for the year to March 31, 1997, would be a big incentive for potential investors in the nuclear power company, which is being privatised next month.

The company maintains that the payout will be supported by its strong cash flow. But critics of the nuclear flotation, including environmentalists and opposition politicians, are expected to protest at the size of the dividend, viewing it as a sweetener to investors designed to ensure the success of the privatisation.

The dividend forecast will help City analysts to put a value on the company, likely to be between £1.5 billion and £2 billion. There will be two dividends payments in the first year, one third in January and the rest in July. Shareholder payments of second instalments are due in September, after the full dividend has been paid.

The document published today will also show that since the last balance sheet date of March 31, when debt was £700 million, it has effectively been cut as strong cash flow has added £200 million to the company's coffers and £230 million cash has been contributed by the Government to the segregated fund for decommissioning nuclear reactors. But the pathfinder prospectus is unlikely to carry an updated balance sheet. The Department of Trade and Industry is expected today to announce that the minimum first instalment for the shares will be £300. British Energy comprises eight nuclear power stations in Scotland and England which are responsible for generating about 18 per cent of the UK's electricity.

In the prospectus, the company will say that it wants to focus on improving the efficiency of the plants. It will also reveal that it is applying for life extensions on four of its eight nuclear power stations. It says these should be granted within three years. The stations are due to begin closing in 2006 so life extensions will mean a big increase in the value of the business. It will also say that, barring unforeseen hindrances, it hopes to maintain a progressive dividend policy.

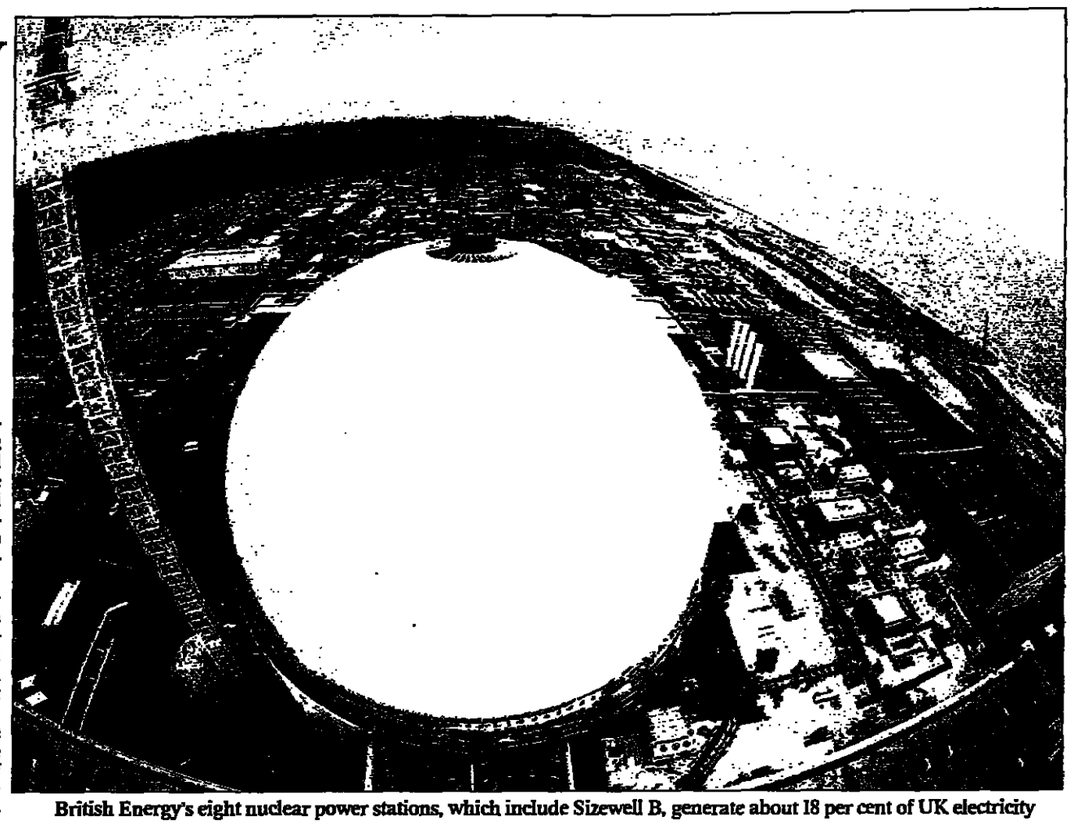
The Government's advertising campaign for the British Energy sale, the last big privatisation before the general election, began last month with the slogan "A final burst of energy".

Private investors, who are being offered 30 per cent of the company, have a choice of either a discount of 10p per share off the second instalment on the first 1,200 shares allocated and held continuously until the second instalment is paid, or a share bonus.

That involves investors being allocated a one for 15 share bonus on the first 1,800 shares allocated and held continuously until July 31, 1999.

If there is heavy demand, private investors applying via share shops will have preference. Share dealing is expected to begin in mid-July.

The prospectus is also expected to show that the directors of British Energy have agreed not to set up any share option schemes for 12 months after privatisation. This should help to avoid "fat cat" accusations.


British Energy's eight nuclear power stations, which include Sizewell B, generate about 18 per cent of UK electricity

Water battle coming to the boil

By Christine Buckley

THE battle for Southern Water will intensify this week when ScottishPower renews its bid with an offer that is expected to be worth about £1.66 billion.

ScottishPower's initial offer of £1.56 billion bid was overtaken by a £1.6 billion offer by Southern Electric, which was recommended by the board of Southern Water.

Southern Electric is expected to publish its offer document on Thursday, setting the bid clock ticking. ScottishPower will make its move shortly after.

At the heart of the battle between the bidders will be claims over the level of cost savings that can be achieved after a takeover of Southern Water.

ScottishPower is thought likely to say that it can achieve annual cost savings of up to £45 million, while Southern Electric will pitch savings of £50 million a year.

ScottishPower has written to all shareholders of Southern Water and is likely to emphasise its case on customer benefits and jobs. It has offered price cuts of 3 per cent to Southern Water customers from 1998, two years ahead of the next regulatory review.

Southern Eletric has been silent so far about price cuts for water customers.

ScottishPower also hopes to use Southern Water's customer base to gain a share of the gas and electricity market in Sussex and Kent when deregulation is introduced. A trial in the South West to open the gas market to independent suppliers is to be extended to the South and South East.

Harrods may float in London and US

By Sarah Cunningham

HARRODS, the landmark London department store, is considering a stock market flotation, seeking to emulate the successes of Harvey Nichols, its Knightsbridge neighbour, and of New York's Saks Fifth Avenue.

The flotation could raise as much as £2 billion. It is understood that around a fifth of the equity would be sold. Most of the money raised would be used to expand the business, with some being retained by the Fayed family.

It is likely that Harrods shares would be listed in London and New York. Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, is believed to be advising the Fayeds.

A spokesman for Harrods said yesterday that no firm decision had yet been taken on a flotation. He said: "At the conclusion of another successful year of trading, Harrods is examining a number of options in the next stage of its planned expansion."

No timetable had been set, he said, but "in the event of a public offering being selected as an option, an appropriate announcement will be made".

The brothers, Mohammed and Ali, paid £573 million for Harrods' owner, House of Fraser, in 1985. They then floated off other Fraser stores while enlarging Harrods.

Boots to get £50m as WH Smith quits DIY

By Our City Staff

WH SMITH is ready to pay Boots up to £50 million to extricate itself from Do It All, the struggling do-it-yourself retail chain that is jointly owned by the two companies.

The agreement will be announced on Wednesday as part of a comprehensive review of Smith's businesses, launched four months ago by Bill Cockburn, the company's new chief executive.

WH Smith will effectively give Boots its 50 per cent interest in Do It All, with a cash payment of about £50 million to cover any branch closures that are likely to follow once Boots takes full control. Up to a third of Do It All's 195 outlets may be closed.

The agreement will bring to an end a six-year partnership. Boots became involved in the DIY sector as a result of the takeover of Ward White, which owned the Payless chain. A sharp downturn in business as a result of the housing market slump forced Boots and WH Smith to merge their DIY chains to save costs and remain competitive with B&Q and Homebase, the rival chains.


Cockburn: wide review

Mr Cockburn's review of WH Smith will also herald the closure of the company's head office in London. A streamlined head office is to be established in Swindon, Wiltshire. In April, WH Smith sold its business supplies operation, trading as Niceday, to Guilbert, of France, for £142 million in cash.

The disposal of Do It All will leave WH Smith free to concentrate on restoring growth at its core retailing outlets. In 1994-5, profits from the high street shops fell 16 per cent to £65 million.

Court to settle £3m shares dispute

Dockers sue KPMG

By Sarah Cunningham

KPMG, the accountant, is being sued for more than £3 million by former employees of Medway Ports for alleged negligence in assessing the value of company shares they were forced to sell in 1993.

Des Crampton, former operations director of Medway Ports, said yesterday that the plaintiffs' case will be based on KPMG's valuation of Medway shares in the spring of 1993 as worth £2.50 each. Shortly after the employees sold their shares, Medway Ports was sold in September that year to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company for £38 per share.

The hearing, at the Queen's Bench division of the High Court, is due to begin on July 8. KPMG said that it would be contesting the action.

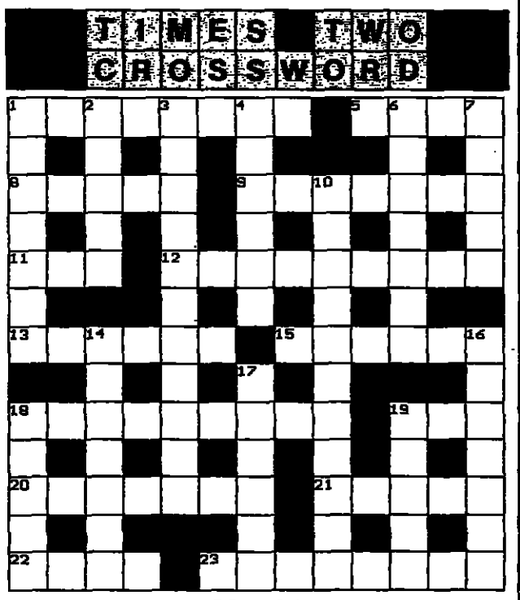
The 150 former employees involved in the action sold their shares after being sacked by Medway Ports in 1993. Most were dockworkers and lost their jobs because they had refused to accept new contracts.

An industrial tribunal decided they had all been unfairly dismissed, but as they were no longer with the company, they had to sell their holdings. At that point, KPMG was named as assessor.

Mr Crampton, who is now operations director at the Tees and Hartlepool port authority, said he had left Medway after a disagreement about the dockworkers' contracts.

Mr Crampton said that the plaintiffs, who will be led by Ian Croxford, QC, would call an expert witness from the accountant Ernst & Young, who would contend that the minimum valuation of the Medway shares should have been between £15 and £17. The plaintiffs will ask for KPMG to make up the difference between £2.50 and £15-£17, a total of £3 million to £4 million. Mr Crampton held 45,000 shares while dockworkers held up to 5,000 shares each.

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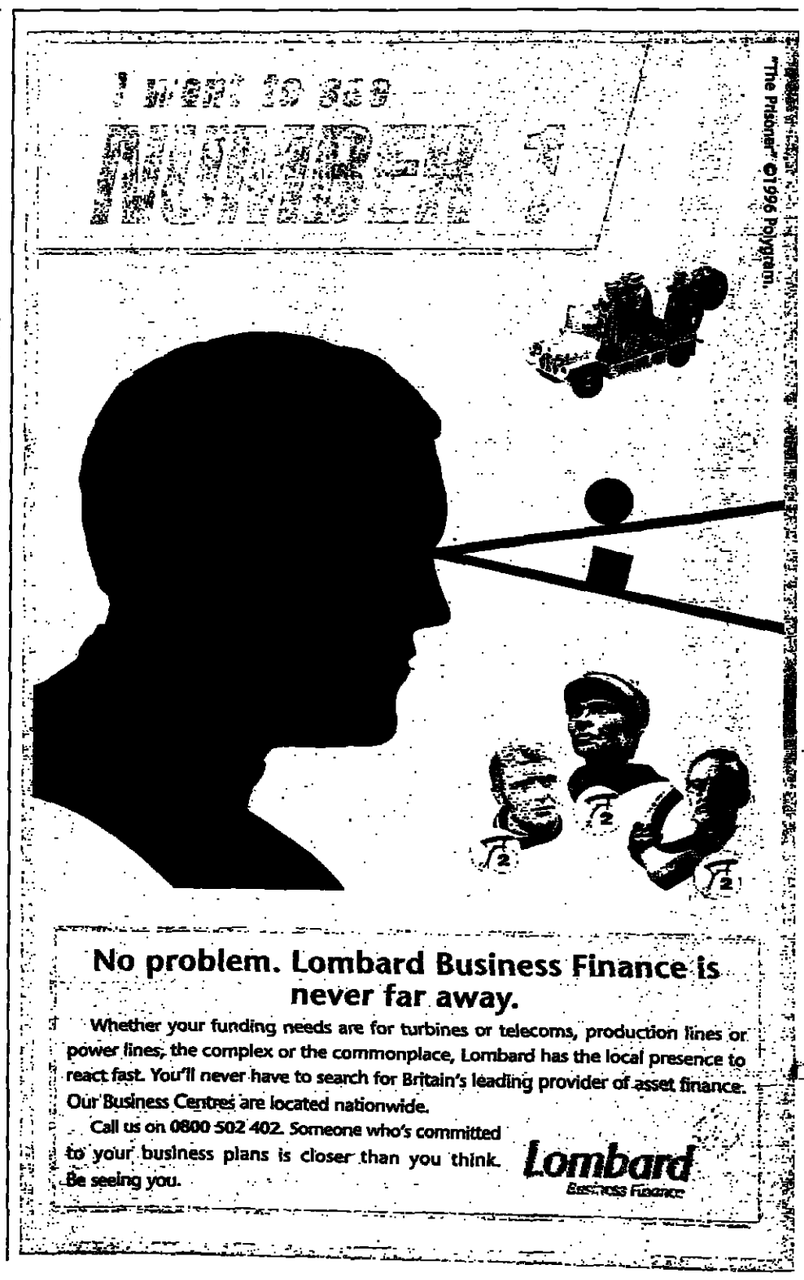
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King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit of Thailand preside over a parade marking his Golden Jubilee yesterday

Thais open cell doors for jubilee

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

THE gates of jails all over Thailand were thrown open yesterday for the first of 26,000 prisoners to be released in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of King Bhumibol. However, Britons convicted of drug trafficking will not be among them.

King Bhumibol, 68, the world's longest-reigning living monarch, celebrated his 50th anniversary on the throne yesterday with traditional pomp. Gilded royal barges propelled by oarsmen delighted spectators along the Chao Phraya river.

At Klong Prem prison here, about 290 Thais and three foreigners were released. In Lard Yao women's prison near by, Sandra Gregory, 32, and Patricia Fury Hussain, 34, jailed for 25 years and 30 years respectively for heroin trafficking, have yet to be told if their sentences will be reduced. Miss Gregory is hoping for a transfer to a British prison next year.

Israel is warned of war risks as Arab states call summit

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

SYRIA, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have said that any shifts by Israel's new right-wing leadership away from the peace process could plunge the region into another war.

The leaders of the three states said an Arab summit would be held this month to map out a strategy to deal with Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister-elect. The announcement came at the end of a meeting in Damascus between President Assad of Syria, President Mubarak of Egypt and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

"Any retraction by Israel on the basis of the peace process or going back on its commitments and pledges that have been reached ... represents a real threat of returning the region to the cycle of tension and violence," the statement issued by the meeting said.

Arab leaders have been alarmed by Mr Netanyahu's refusal to commit himself to giving up any more land to the Arab world in exchange for peace. Last week Mr Netanyahu ruled out any withdrawal from the Golan Heights, captured from Syria during the 1967 war and later annexed by the Jewish state.

Announcing that the Arab summit would be held in Cairo from June 21 to 23, the three leaders said peace could be achieved only if Israel withdrew from all occupied areas, including the Golan Heights, southern Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another condition for peace was the establishment of a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Gaza: Palestinian sportsmen will take part in the Olympic Games for the first time in Atlanta next month, the Palestinian Olympic Committee said yesterday. The committee, which had sought Olympic recognition since 1978 and won provisional recognition in 1993, said the Palestinian flag would be flown alongside those of 197 other nations. *(Reuter)*

The summit announcement was welcomed by Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman. Earlier, a joint meeting of Palestinian Authority ministers and members of the PLO executive in Gaza City said any policy statement by the incoming Israeli Government denying a Palestinian state, refusing a Palestinian role in Jerusalem and rejecting a withdrawal from the Golan Heights would amount to a declaration of war.

The PLO, Jordan and Lebanon accepted invitations to join the summit. King Husain of Jordan signalled that he would adopt a more moderate line when he said he was confident about the future of the Middle East peace negotiations. He also believed Mr Netanyahu was committed to the peace process.

Although the statement announcing the summit emphasised the need for "Arab solidarity and unity", Egypt ruled out any participation in the meeting by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Mr Netanyahu's office refused to respond to the statement issued in Damascus and said any comment would have to wait until he had formed a coalition government. However, Ehud Olmert, Mayor of Jerusalem, tipped to join the Cabinet, said the statement displayed nervousness about Israel's change of guard.

Speaking on Israeli state television, Mr Olmert said the fact that Arab leaders had organised a summit even before a new government was formed "indicates that there is nervousness on the opposite side because the relatively comfortable life they had with the previous Government they understand has ended and a new period has come".

In another development, Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) called on Arab leaders to help the Palestinian "popular resistance" against Israel until Arab states reach military parity with the Jewish state.

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Pioneer of China's rights struggle released from jail

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

REN WANDING, known to Chinese as "the father of China's human rights movement", was released from prison yesterday after completing a seven-year sentence for "counter-revolution" imposed after Tiananmen.

His wife, Zhang Fengying, has issued conflicting statements about his whereabouts. She said initially that he had been taken to the northeastern city of Dalian by police, but later, in a telephone interview with Hong Kong, she said he had gone "voluntarily for a rest". Her second statement is likely to be the result of police pressure.

Mr Ren, a veteran dissident, was sentenced in 1979 to four years in prison for his role as a close associate of Wei Jingsheng, at Peking's Democracy Wall. Mr Wei was sentenced to 15 years and last year, after a brief spell of liberty, was sentenced again to 14 more years.

In 1988, the year before the Tiananmen uprising began, Mr Ren wrote in *The New York Times* that Chinese intellectuals should demand freedom for political prisoners. During Tiananmen he continued this demand and also called for political reforms to accompany those in the economy.

After the Tiananmen killings, and just before his arrest on June 9, 1989, Mr Ren, 51, is said to have asked for help from the United States Embassy but was turned down. His activities came under particular criticism from Chen Xitong, Peking's Mayor, as being substantially responsible for what happened in Tiananmen.

Mr Chen, who was later elevated to the Politburo, is now under house arrest over charges of embezzling more than $35 million (£22.5 million).

During his second sentence Mr Ren's health deteriorated and for long periods he was handcuffed during limited medical treatment.

Last night the fate of Bao Tong, China's highest-ranking political prisoner until his release from a seven years' confinement on May 27, remained unclear.

A Central Committee member, secretary to the Politburo Standing Committee, and chief aide to Zhao Ziyang, party general secretary until May 1989, Mr Bao was accused of "counter-revolutionary incitement" and "leaking state secrets" to the demonstrators.

His detention was connected to the disgrace and house arrest of Mr Zhao, who remains under close surveillance, and it is assumed that Mr Bao's continuing isolation in a Peking suburb is because he has much to reveal about the split inside the party in May 1989.

Mr Zhao was publicly urging leniency for the students while Deng Xiaoping, senior leader, and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, favoured the eventual violent suppression.

Pollution 'more harmful to whales than hunting'

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

WHALES are at greater risk from pollution and the hole in the ozone layer than they are from commercial whaling, according to the International Whaling Commission.

Peter Bridgewater, the commission chairman, said: "There is enough circumstantial evidence to suggest there are effects from pollution on whale populations." He added that ozone depletion over the Antarctic could expose whales to damaging solar radiation which could affect future whale stocks.

According to the Environmental Investigation Agency, more than 1,500 striped dolphins died in the Mediterranean in recent months from a virus linked to high levels of pollutants, while 750 bottlenose dolphins were killed in the Gulf of Mexico from a combination of pollution, viral infection and toxic algae.

Mr Bridgewater's claims came as the Australian Government was criticised by environmentalists over its decision to seek a special exemption for greenhouse gas emissions on the ground that Australia is more reliant on fossil fuels than other developed countries.

Suu Kyi averts showdown as thousands defy military junta



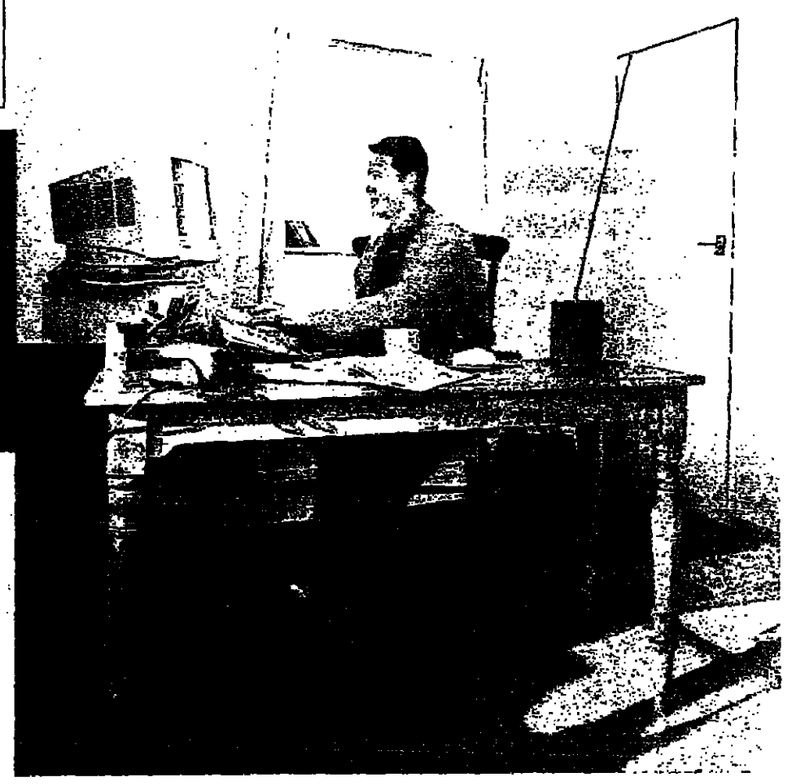
Suu Kyi: toned down speech to supporters

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN RANGOON

THE pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, took a careful step back last night from a showdown with the military regime, giving a bland, inoffensive speech to supporters to avoid violating draconian new public order laws.

About 5,000 people braved the new decrees, which can land offenders in prison for up to 20 years, to gather outside the gates of Daw Suu Kyi's home for her customary weekend lecture. As on Saturday, when 5,000 people turned out for the first meeting since the new decrees were imposed, authorities did not interfere, fuelling confusion about whether the regime was being tolerant or delaying a crackdown for a quieter moment.

Before Suu Kyi appeared, the crowd chanted for several minutes, "Long live Aung San Suu Kyi" and "Let the cause for democracy be successful." Daw Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner, told them: "You are not gathering here because we speak. This is a gathering of the people, who proved themselves to be very orderly and disciplined."



Hand on heart

Jeremy Laurance meets Sir Magdi Yacoub as he completes Harefield Hospital's 2,000th heart transplant

The sky blue coolbox in the corner of the operating theatre marks this as a transplant. It is the kind taken on picnics every summer packed with fizzy wine and smoked salmon. Today it carried a baby's heart.

The patient on the operating table is two and a half. She has just become the 2,000th to receive a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex. A dozen gowned figures led by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub are clustered round her tiny body with its gaping chest wound, but no one is looking at the patient. All heads are turned to the monitor that records the beating of her hearts. Yes, she has not one, but two.

Last October this girl was given six months to live. Today is her last chance — a piggyback transplant in which a heart taken from a premature baby will be used to boost her own.

The first thing that strikes the visitor is the hush, broken only by the occasional quiet command from Sir Magdi. These are anxious moments. The surgical plumbing is complete and the hearts have been re-started. Now the team must ensure they beat normally using drugs to regulate rhythm and blood pressure. The wildly swinging traces on the monitor screen are scrutinised minutely by a dozen pairs of eyes.

After another hour, Sir Magdi removes his glasses with their binocular attachments and withdraws to talk to the parents, while his assistants complete the tidying up.

It is 8.30 on a Saturday night and he has a private patient to see before he can go home. I and *The Times* photographer have been granted a rare ten-minute audience with the father of heart transplant surgery in Britain.

This should be a moment for celebration, 16 years after the heart transplant programme began in earnest in Britain, yet the mood is subdued. It will be many hours before the patient is out of danger and a month before the team can claim the operation as a success. Sir Magdi knows the risks and tragedy always threatens — as events prove.

Sir Magdi performed his first heart transplant at Harefield in January 1980 only weeks after Sir Terence English, who retired last year, had performed the first successful transplant at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire. The rivalry between the two, though never publicly acknowledged, was sharpened by their different styles: the patrician Sir Terence with his fondness for family walks contrasted with the missionary Sir Magdi, who seemed truly fulfilled only in the operating theatre.

In the early days, Sir Magdi's relentless demands on staff and resources provoked criticism from those who saw other specialties depleted. Now heart transplants are an accepted part of the surgical repertoire. More than 300 operations a year are performed in Britain and Harefield is among the world's leading centres.

Of its 2,000 patients, half are still alive and a new patient today has an estimated 60 per cent chance of surviving ten years. Britain's longest survivor, Derrick Morris, aged 65, was Sir Magdi's third patient and has lived for 16 years since the operation.

So is it now a routine operation? Propping his head on his hand, Sir Magdi answers slowly and deliberately. "To me it is an operation designed to improve a patient. I don't see it as an operation with a mystique."

The shortage of donors is a constant problem and Harefield has cut back its transplant programme for hearts and lungs from a peak of 202 operations in 1989 to 133 last year. However, developments in animal transplants and mechanical hearts could, if successful, multiply those figures many times. Sir Magdi believes xenotransplantation — using animal organs — is the future.

"I think it will work but we are not there yet. I am extremely sensitive to the needs of animals but I think it is hypocrisy to criticise people for using them in this way when we eat them."

He has just turned 60 but retirement is not something he has thought about. He enjoys his Lamborghini and grows orchids. He lives with his German wife, Marianne, and has three children in their twenties.

Next morning, callers are told that the little girl has died "unexpectedly" in the night, eight hours after surgery was completed. Six months of waiting and hoping have ended in tragedy. For all its technological brilliance, transplanting the human heart will never be without risk.



JILL ALLEN

Sir Magdi Yacoub maintains concentration on the intricate task before him in the operating theatre

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Creation of a fiery flashback

PHYSICISTS at the European Centre for Particle Physics in Geneva (CERN) believe that they have reproduced the fireball present in the universe ten millionths of a second after the Big Bang.

By bombarding a lead target with atoms of lead stripped of their electrons and accelerated to close to the speed of light, they have produced, for a brief instant, a soup of elementary particles a billion times hotter than the surface of the Sun that existed then.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

The team use the super proton synchrotron at CERN to collide the heavy nuclei together, and then detect what emerges.

All matter is believed to consist of quarks, fundamental building blocks which cannot normally be observed on their own because they are bound together by the so-called strong nuclear force.

But in the extreme conditions achieved in these experiments, the strong force is expected to weaken, creating a mixture of quarks and gluons, the particles responsible for the strong force.

The tell-tale evidence that such a quark-gluon plasma has been produced, says Dr David Evans from Birmingham University, is the production of an excess amount of the class of quarks known as "strange".

Normally when gluons collide they produce only the two lightest quarks; but under the circumstances of this experiment, more of the heavier strange quarks are expected.

They can be spotted because they bind together to create exotic particles called lambdas and omegas that survive for long enough to be detected.

In earlier experiments using sulphur ions and a tungsten target, Dr Evans says, the production of strange particles was increased by a factor of two. The more recent experiments with lead show even greater increases.

As well as confirming current physical theories, the findings could have implications for cosmology.

Understanding exactly what happened at such an early moment in the history of the universe could help to explain its later evolution.

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Russian family values: (left to right) Naina Yeltsin called in the cameras while Raisa Gorbachev kept quiet; the Lebeds and the Zhirinovskys play to the media but Gennadi Zyuganov refuses to use his wife and daughter as political tools

Kremlin wives open the curtains

Moscow's presidential hopefuls are waking up to the idea that their wives may help them to create a winning image, says **Richard Beeston**

When the reclusive and homely Naina Yeltsin appeared on Russian television screens chatting candidly about life in the President's household, a small piece of Russian history was in the making.

As she recounted how she personally ironed his suit every evening — helping herself to whatever money she found in his pockets — and revealed how the insomniac President loved to do noisy DIY in the early hours of the morning, Mrs Yeltsin was changing the face of Russian politics.

Not only had she helped to restore a human quality to a leader who had lost touch with his people, but she also set a new trend which other Russian politicians have been quick to copy. No longer would voters be satisfied with grey men in grey suits making tiresome speeches; the press had been invited into the family home, and the public's appetite was whetted.

Irina Zaitseva, the popular Russian television news reporter who interviewed Mrs Yeltsin, recalls that at the time she had given little thought to the impact of her programme.

"I had just asked casually for an interview because I met Naina. We got on well and I thought she would make a good story," she says. "I was not expecting the extraordinary interest that it generated."

In the following weeks candidates' wives, with the backing of their husbands, were practically queueing up to let the cameras into their living rooms. For many television viewers, the Sunday evening current affairs programme, *Itogi*, became compulsive viewing as one after another of Russia's presidential hopefuls allowed the public a glimpse into their homes.

Never one to miss a chance for free publicity, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, used the appearance of his wife Galina to try to undo the very low opinion most women have of him. Although in the past he has boasted of taking part in group sex and was once filmed beating a woman deputy during a parliamentary punch-up, at home his wife made him out to be a model husband. Mrs Zhirinovsky revealed that the anti-Western firebrand, who bottles his own brand of vodka, does not drink alcohol, does not like loud music and spends most of his time reading, drinking fruit juice and making himself useful around the house.

> 'What we are witnessing in Russia is politicians using cheap gimmicks to improve their standing'

Not to be outdone, General Aleksandr Lebed, another presidential hopeful with little support among women, sought to shed his macho army image through his wife Inna. Mrs Lebed revealed that the gravel-voiced former paratrooper was a caring modern man who loved to play the guitar and take his dog Cheswick out for walks.

Not everyone, however, benefited outright from the new experiment in openness. Svyatoslav Fyodorov, a world-famous eye surgeon and presidential candidate, may not have anticipated his wife Erina's overly candid remarks. "I don't know why he is running for President," she says. "I told him he has not got a hope of winning."

For some Russians intimate details of the candidates' personal lives went far beyond anything they had ever heard. Natalia Brintsalov, the young wife of the millionaire businessman and presidential hopeful Vladimir, shocked the public when she emphasised her husband's sexual prowess, and boasted that she was the same age as his daughter by a first wife.

Larissa Vasilieva, the author of *Kremlin Wives*, a history of the women behind the Soviet leaders, says that the flurry of interest in the family life of today's politicians would have been unthinkable during the 70 years of communist rule.

Kremlin bosses went to such great lengths to keep their personal lives private that when Viktoria Brezhnev, the wife of the former Soviet leader, died nobody knew anything about her, even though her husband had been the ruler of a superpower for 18 years.

"The Soviet tradition was to keep the wives in the kitchen or in prison," says the writer. "Now we have become like America. Every tiny detail has to be on public view."

Nevertheless, not everyone is joining in the "first lady mania" with enthusiasm. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and presidential hopeful, has effectively forbidden his wife Nadezhda to give any interviews and considers it an intrusion of his privacy.

"This is not the tradition in Russia," he said, when asked recently why his wife, an engineer in a watch factory, had not shared her views with the public. "We are not a Western country. I think that only one person in the family should be involved in politics."

Surprisingly, his opinion seems to be shared by his ideological opponent, Mikhail Gorbachev. Although the former Soviet leader pioneered glasnost during his reforms and allowed his wife Raisa to emerge from the shadows of the Kremlin, the experiment backfired. Many attribute his current unpopularity in part to Raisa's high-handed manner and love of expensive Western clothes. She has remained mute during the election campaign, breaking her silence only once to announce that she had given away her designer dresses.

Even Grigori Yavlinsky, the last authentic liberal candidate in the presidential race, who moulds himself very much on a Western politician, has deliberately kept his wife out of the campaign. "What we are witnessing today in Russia is politicians using very cheap gimmicks to improve their standing," he said. "My wife and I decided several years ago that we would not use the family as a political tool. I work in politics, but my family life is private."

Perhaps today's Russian politicians simply learnt from their monarchist predecessors that involving wives in political life can be a two-edged sword. The 18th century in Russia was dominated by Catherine the Great, a powerful and popular empress who ousted her spouse and ruled for more than three decades.

A century later, however, Tsarina Alexandra, wife of Nicholas II, was a clear liability for the Royal Family. Her German ancestry and her liaisons with Rasputin, the Siberian monk and court mystic, became a public scandal and ultimately contributed to the downfall of the Romanov dynasty in the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

The Communists took no chances and made sure their wives were kept firmly out of the spotlight. Nadezhda Lenin, while a loyal wife and party activist, had almost no public profile. As for Nadezhda Alliluyeva, Stalin's child bride and second wife, mystery still surrounds the details of her suspicious suicide.

Now that history appears to be turning full circle, Mrs Vasilieva believes it will be more entertaining for the public, but not necessarily beneficial for Russia's leaders.

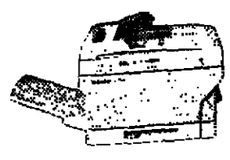
"I am not sure that today's leaders quite understand what they have let themselves in for," she says, warning of the consequences of the type of press scrutiny applied in Britain to politicians and the Royal Family. "Politics here will never be the same again."

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Natalia and Vladimir Brintsalov, the millionaire businessman and presidential hopeful, with their children: Natalia boasted of his sexual prowess

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Personally speaking

The family, we are told, is in crisis. But this week in The Times top writers talk frankly about the ups and downs of family life and conclude there is also much to celebrate

Why we have to treasure our family life

HULTON DEUTSCH



Echoes of a simpler age: for many thousands of children growing up in the Fifties, life was cosier and more secure

No sooner does the Leader of the Opposition "admit" he has occasionally smacked his children than pundits immediately wonder if this heralds the end of civilised family life, as Claire Rayner has come to define it, or (on the other hand) a sensible return to basics.

There are protests from people who defend the rights of the child at all cost, yet fail to define as one of those rights the protection of children from themselves and their peers. Fuss, fuss, fuss. Of course, all Mr Blair's shocking confession did was to remind us that most sensible parents sometimes sensibly chastise their naughty offspring, as a part of normal domestic life.

Why, the only difference between me and Tony Blair is that I feel not a shred of "remorse", and I would call myself a good parent and a family person, just like him.

But what does *that* mean? An invaluable American book of themed quotations, published in 1977, introduces "Family" thus:

"*The institution of the family is inseparable from the marriage rite and all that it entails; the relation of husband and wife results from marriage and is fundamental to the institution of the family; the parental care and direction of children, as well as filial respect and obedience, are aspects of domestic government . . .*"

Outdated platitudes, or nuggets of wisdom? Despite the narrowness, the key words are there to be extracted: "rite", "entails", "institution", "respect", "obedience", "care", "direction" and "government". Solemn terms, yet you cannot separate any discussion of family (however you define it) from an acknowledgement of the sober responsibilities inherent within such language. Nothing changes that.

Communism sought to destroy the ideal of the family, like the idea of God — and failed on both counts. Families ran to each other when the Berlin Wall came down.

Like it or not, the family is the bedrock. Aristotle described the tribe or village growing out of an association of families. Rousseau held the traditional human family to be "the most ancient of all societies and the only one which is natural". Freud said of the family that "philosophers and politicians have agreed that the bonding together in family groups is both instinctive and necessary to human welfare — and therefore essential to the health of a society. The family is the microcosm".

Until, perhaps, our lifetime. In 1982, Pope John Paul made his first visit to this country and attempted to raise a bulwark against chaos: "Treasure your families," he said, "the future of humanity passes by way of the family."

Once again, there was protest from the liberal Left, just as in the Sixties. Then, fashionable gurus such as R.D. Laing identified family life with mental breakdown. At the same time, right-wing political rhetoric invoked a golden age of "Victorian values" — as if the stuffiness, hypocrisy and squalor of Victorian family life was a novelist's invention.

COMPANIONSHIP AND CONTINUITY



Bel Mooney with daughter, Kitty. "I believe in the family"

I remember meditating on the prescript, "Treasure your families", and wanting it to be possible — as you might want to hold still a dandelion clock in a gale. But all the little seeds whirled in the air, each one representing real people I had written about: families in towering estates; Asian and Rastafarian families; families with servants in stately homes; violent families; bereaved families; criminal families; quiet, caring, shy families . . . so you ran about helplessly, chasing meaning. Yet still believing.

I suppose it is time to state my interest here. I like family life, therefore I believe in the family, for all its problems of definition. I invoke a cosy Fifties image of Mum and Dad and two kids in clean clothes, sitting in their neat flat having sausage, peas and chips at a clean kitchen table, before the homework and the knitting, with the polished Ford Popular outside — and I won't have it mocked, dammit, because it is a picture of my childhood. Without complacency, I "admit" I had a good family life (with all the ordinary problems) and married somebody also from a secure family, and so, whatever happened, the urge to create a stable home for our two children was at the centre of my being. It was utterly primitive. Family created me; I *am* Family.

So far, so ordinary — and lucky. You can test the cleverness of Tolstoy's famous comment in *Anna Karenina* by attempting it in reverse. "All happy families resemble each other; each unhapy family is unhappy in its own way." If you say that all unhappy families resemble each other but each happy family is happy in its own way, it works — but only for an instant.

As Tolstoy knew from his own experience, the varieties of human anguish and cruelty far outnumber the inventory of happiness: joy is quiet and lives in one place, but misery rages noisily down all the corridors of the world.

For many children, family life means pain, indifference, or bullying. For them, the grand sentiments are irrelevant — and insulting. Why should you honour your father and mother if they are rotten specimens who don't care about you?

But it is precisely because family life falls short of perfection that the ideal of family life should still be clung to. *Is* clung to. No amount of statistics about young people choosing to stay single will convince me that the overwhelming majority of people would not want companionship and continuity, as well as the mutual responsibility of living in a mini-community, which is family life.

You may pour scorn — but it will not stop the single mother, alone in the evening with her child asleep, from thinking wistfully that it would be good if someone loving were there to have a laugh with. And, most important, to share duties.

Nor should it. It is easy to let "reality" blind us to the possible. Family life is not perfect, except for a minority. But it is better than loneliness.

And if you bother to visit your grandfather, or go to the school play when you'd rather go to the pub; if you worry simply because your partner worries . . . then what you are doing is celebrating family life. At its heart is a giving, a willingness to put self last. At its centre is neither marriage nor gender, but *rules* — accepting a long-term duty which will not always be easy.

So yes, we do treasure the family . . . and why? To keep the dark at bay. To feel as you grow old this person (or people) you love will still be there, accepting you and gladly receiving all you have left to give. When I was in my twenties I understood Bathsheba in *Far From the Madding Crowd*, when she rejected the proposal of Gabriel Oak: "And home by the fire, whenever you look up, there I shall be — and whenever I look up, there will be you." Sergeant Troy, free and irresponsible, seemed much more active.

But now Gabriel Oak's need is my need, and I find myself surprised at how its realism actually unites morality with — yes — romance. It is that need that draws us to nest in rows, separated by thin walls, hoping to be tolerated and loved forever — and to go on reproducing ourselves in family patterns, handing on some misery (perhaps), but untold happiness too.

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Alice and Daniel are good parents: interested in their children, fond of their company, supportive without being pushy, ready to listen. The four of them form a close, easy, jokey family. Daniel, a university lecturer, is a domestic paragon well able to cook everybody's supper and take an intelligent interest in school games socks; Alice has kept her career low-key so as to be available to her children. They expended effort to get them into an opted-out, academically strong comprehensive, yet listened to and acquiesced in their 14-year-old daughter's request to take up a scholarship to a different kind of school entirely, her own informed choice.

A model, delightful family — so delightful, indeed, that you will not be surprised to know that I made them up. They are the protagonists of a novel, *A Long Walk in Wintertime*, in the course of which this smug perfection crumbles into near-disaster. At the heart of the book is the fact that, unnoticed by his parents, their 12-year-old son Jamie is falling to pieces. His confidence is being undermined by the teacher he most needs approval from: he takes to truanting from school without companions to play laser battle games, and falls into a state of fear and depression so extreme that he eventually gets off a train, at night and alone, and runs away through bleak Norfolk lanes. Because of a temporary recent estrangement between the parents, his absence is not reported for 24 hours. In the resulting horror and panic, Alice tries to help the police:

"There were questions about adult friends, male adult friends, confidants. Alice wavered, realising with a shock how little she knew of his life compared to the total knowledge she would have had two or three years earlier. She had not realised how Jamie's occupations had broadened, moved away from her with his move into secondary school. She had not seen how much of his time was his own. Until she went to the kitchen drawer to check, she could not remember the name of the Scout leader who had taken him to camp.

"She could not remember whether it was LaserQuest or BattleZone that he favoured. She became aware of sounding like a woman who knew little about her child and cared less, at least until a crisis broke. She felt herself identified by these questioners with some feckless draggled mother in a news story, swearing that her boy never done nothing like mug an old lady . . . but children these days, she wanted to cry out, their lives are their own, this is London . . ."

Could it happen? Could decent parents take their eye off the ball so disastrously? Unwilling to wring the reader's withers with too improbable a melodrama, I engaged in much conversational research. Unequivocally, especially from big-city parents, the answer came back that yes, they could, easily. Secondary teachers confirmed that a cunning second or third-year pupil could easily

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THE TROUBLED SON

Occasionally you read a book with a shock of recognition. Kay Jamison's *An Unquiet Mind*, subtitled "A memoir of moods and madness", is an account of the author's manic depressive illness, a painful description of the unwon war she has fought since she was a teenager against this most unforgiving of afflictions.

It is a war that has been part of our family life, too, for the past ten years; our middle son, Saul, was diagnosed at the age of 15 as suffering from manic depression and he has been grappling with it ever since. He is now 25.

No one who has lived with the rollercoaster experience of a disorder that affects one in a hundred people, but is still barely half-understood by the medical profession, can fail to be moved by Dr Jamison's story. It has attracted rave reviews — Anthony Clare compared it to R.D. Laing's classic work *The Divided Self* — not just because it is unflinchingly honest, but because the writer herself is a clinical psychologist; she is, at the same time, expert and victim.

For me, the book carried the extra ingredient of familiarity. Dr Jamison described how, as a senior in high school, she began to go "high", to taste for the first time the elation and terror that go with the manic stage of the illness, before plunging into the abyss when, with "a dead heart and a brain as cold as clay" she became depressive, barely able to function.

I knew what she meant. Like her, Saul was a star pupil at school: he tried everything, succeeded at most, played games, acted, painted and sculpted, made friends as a duck takes to water and lived to the full. Like her he was struck down, out of the blue, when he was a teenager (though two years younger than her when it happened).

With him the depression came first: we watched him one half-term, struggling with a school project, gradually slowing down to the point where the pen would no longer move across the paper and the body froze into immobility. We sat with him through long tearful nights until the mood swung upwards, and inaction was replaced by hyperaction.

Just as Dr Jamison talked of "racing about like a crazed weasel", so Saul was suddenly on the move, impatient and irritable, elated and agitated at the same time, ranging through the streets, playing music at impossible volumes, finally disappearing late one evening, we knew not where. Eventually, in the middle of the night, the telephone rang and we collected him from the police station at King's Cross, north London, after what was euphemistically called "a disturbance" involving a broken window and a string of abuse. It was the first of many such encounters.

Thus began Saul's long journey through what Dr Jamison calls "the fascinating and dangerous territory" of manic depression. We had, and still have, no means of knowing its cause. The phrase "chemical imbalance" cropped up frequently; we learnt that it had to do with some chromosomal flaw: it has a genetic component.

We searched back in our family histories to find relatives who might also have suffered from the illness and discovered an aunt who had been treated by the pioneer psychiatrist William Sargent, as well as a grandmother who, it seems, was periodically taken into hospital suffering from "turns", and a second cousin with the same symptoms. In Dr Jamison's case it turned out to be her father, whom she had idolised but who had fallen victim to violent mood-swings from heights of creativity to depths of rage and despair.

To begin with, finding the right treatment for Saul seemed a matter of trial and error — to an extent it still does. Unlike Dr Jamison, who found a combination of lithium and psychotherapy was enough to control her wilder flights of behaviour, Saul has needed more. In the manic phase, his body absorbs heavy doses of medication — antidepressants and mood-stabilising drugs in addition to lithium. Occasionally he has needed electro-convulsive therapy, a much-criticised treatment which in his case has frequently been a lifesaver.

Conventional therapy has rarely helped: when high, he is too impatient to accept it; when depressed it cannot reach him. Tobacco has become a way of life. Never have I seen so many cigarettes smoked as in the wards of the mental hospitals we have come to know: without them life for most of the patients would be unimaginable.

Saul himself has learnt to recognise almost as well as any doctor the different phases of his own illness, and to predict the shifts in mood which signal the onset of one extreme or the other. But that has not always been enough to prevent their onset. Like Dr Jamison, he has grown to dread the depressive stage far more than the manic.

For the rest of us, it can be the other way round. To live with someone who is experiencing the intensity and drive of hypermania is an exhausting experience. At these times, Saul needs little sleep, lots of company and maximum stimulation. Attention span is minimal, money is spent like water. Dr Jamison recalls episodes when she went round shops going through credit cards and bank balances as if there were no tomorrow, and Saul, too, buys on impulse whether or not there is money to be spent.

Throughout the many years of peaks and troughs, and despite the heavy medication, Saul has never lost his essential charm and natural wit. But behaviour which to him seems merely routine can strike the rest of the world as extravagant and, frequently, dangerous.

As Dr Jamison describes it: "The fast ideas are too fast, and there are far too many; overwhelming confusion replaces clarity. Memory goes. Humour and absorption on friends' faces are replaced by fear and concern ... you are irritable, angry, frightened, uncontrollable and enmeshed totally in the blackest caves of the mind." Saul puts it more succinctly: "It is mental torment, hell on earth."

He would find it hard to agree with what is perhaps Kay Jamison's most unexpected conclusion — that given the choice between a conventional life and a life with manic depression, she would choose the latter. Provided she had access to lithium she would opt for the heights and depths of emotion she has experienced rather than the humdrum of what the rest of us call a normal existence. "I have run faster, thought faster, and loved faster than most I know," she writes. "And I think much of that is related to my illness ... It has made me test the limits of my mind."

Saul puts it differently: "Manic depression is a terrible illness that takes over and changes your life. It means pain and hell. You experience things that you would rather not experience at all. Looking back, it's certainly true that you gain insights which you would never otherwise have gained. But offered the choice, I would have preferred to do without them. I would opt for a normal life nine times out of ten."

> 'I have come to realise that manic depression is only a high-pitched version of what the rest of us call normality'

As for me, I have come to realise at least one important thing: that manic depression is only a high-pitched version of what the rest of us call normality. It is no good asking — as we did so often to begin with — what happened to the "real" Saul, what he might have been like without the illness, whether it has smothered his personality, or exaggerated it beyond recognition. The real Saul is here and now. Nothing that drugs or ECT or incarceration in hospital can do has extinguished the true personality underneath.

In some ways the son we have come to know and love is, as Kay Jamison puts it, "a zebra among the horses", a remarkable and admirable young man who has been through more, suffered more than most of us will ever do in a lifetime. And yet who has survived, incredibly, to be a delight to us, and a source of endless pride.

● *An Unquiet Mind by Kay Jamison, Picador, £15.99.*

MAGNUS LINKLATER

MICHAEL POWELL



In Saul Linklater's manic phases, says his father Magnus, his body absorbs heavy doses of medication, and electro-convulsive therapy has frequently been a lifesaver

...but reality is harder

MAGNUM



Jamie "gets off a train, at night and alone, and runs away"

register in the morning and attend a couple of classes before removing himself with a trail of vague and misleading messages through classmates about music exams or dental appointments. He would not be too strenuously pursued.

Parents were (Jack Straw will be glad to hear) adamant that 12-year-olds should not be out in the evening alone, but were far more vague about the daytime. One said frankly: "You spend the first 11 years driving them everywhere and organising their judo classes and guarding them from perverts lurking round every corner. So when they start to look big and competent, you sort of want your life back."

Also, she added hastily, it is good for children to have some independence. And so it is. But Jamie could have built himself a whole world of acquaintances during those lost days, down at the laser-game centres with the unemployed and disaffected young men who play there. Frankly, it was only my soft heart and romantic imagination which let him run away into the comparative safety of Norfolk, and indeed find the whole family's salvation there. It could have ended up as a very nasty tale indeed.

In the last analysis, though, what came out of all these anguished parental conversations was that the real mistake Alice and Daniel made was not that they failed to police every moment of their growing adolescent's daily world. For heaven's sake, who could?

Their real mistake was in allowing themselves to lose touch with his inner life. If you have a child who manifests unhappiness not by disruption, but by a bland apathetic docility, this is easy enough to do. Dangerous, though. "The safety of young teenagers," said one father, who is also a psychiatrist, "lies every bit as much in how they feel as in where they go. A happy, confident, well supported child is actually in far less danger — from drugs, drink, crime, seduction, everything except violence, which is much rarer. Even violence is something a well supported child is more likely to see coming and be sensible about."

That family confidence, however, depends not on formal "quality time" interviews but in a constant, snippety flow of remarks and conversations. As school runs decrease and children get around independently, the opportunities for these chance moments of enlightenment become fewer. Parents have to make a conscious effort to keep up a friendship with their children. Other things easily get in the way. My protagonists are getting over a painful infidelity as well as having job problems, but it need not take anything so extreme.

One single woman told me that she had lost touch with her 13-year-old daughter's feelings while she was engaged in an industrial tribunal battle. "There was just never time, and I was too stressed out to want to listen to all her stuff about schoolfriends."

Parents do not always remember to update children on their own news, either. My Alice gets a job offer and is overheard by her son chatting animatedly on the phone about "the new life". She has not discussed any of it with him. He feels like a helpless pawn and despairs.

Terrifying, blood-curdling stuff. Thinking it through and writing it, I had to keep getting up and wandering round the house to find the children. I was only too pleased to finish with that bit and soppily reassure the reader that Jamie fell on his feet all right.

In the gloomier world of journalism, if you told a story like his it would be because the end was something terrible. Thank God for the freedom of fiction.

● *A Long Walk in Wintertime will be published by Sceptre on June 20 at £16.99*

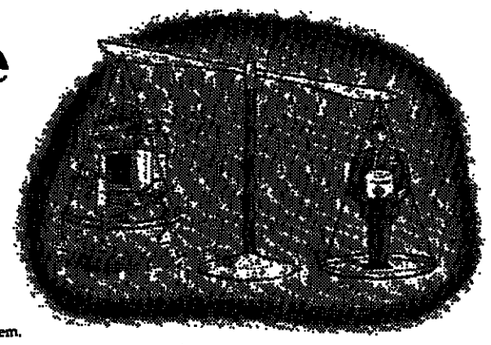
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Dame Maggie Smith stars as Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* comes to Chichester

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



OPERA

The Verdi Festival opens at Covent Garden with Luc Bondy's staging of *Don Carlos*

FIRST NIGHT: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



BOOKS

Mario Vargas Llosa evokes a Peru of bandits and poverty in his new *Death in the Andes*

IN THE SHOPS: Now
REVIEW: Thursday

If this film dies, the butler did it

Martyn Palmer discovers why Sting, no stranger to celluloid failure, is proud to call *The Grotesque* his own

The rock star who steps out as an actor has, traditionally, been tantamount to a First World War squaddie sticking his head up above the trenches and poking his tongue at the enemy. Sting, who has chosen to face the critics' sniping more than most, knows this only too well. But this time, he is prepared to accept full responsibility for his actions.

After all, *The Grotesque*, which is his tenth film, is a family affair — it was produced by his wife, Trudie Styler. They called up a few friends, who worked for virtually nothing, and got the whole project on to the screen for just $3 million.

"We were in charge and, unlike some other films where actors simply aren't to blame, we are," Sting says. "And I like that because I've been in crap films and got the blame and it's been nothing to do with me, so this time I'm quite proud to own up.

"As far as I'm concerned it's already been a success. It was great fun to do and everything else is the icing on the cake. You don't get any awards for making a film on a small budget, but it is an achievement. It's a very dark English film, an art house picture that some people might like and others might wonder what the hell it is, but that is the kind of film I want to make."

Shot over six weeks on location in Norfolk a year ago, *The Grotesque* is described by its author, Patrick McGrath (who adapted his own 1988 novel into the screenplay), as a "comedy of errors and a rattling good yarn". Set in 1949, it features Sting as an enigmatic butler, Fledge, who arrives with his wife (Styler) at the crumbling seat of eccentric aristocrat Sir Hugo Coal (Alan Bates) and proceeds to create havoc as a villainous cuckoo in the nest.

"A friend of mine was the agent for the book, which I'd read and liked, and thought I'd make a very good Fledge," Sting says. "I could see that because Fledge doesn't say much, he just sort of emotes with a lot of menace.

"Then Trudie got involved as a producer and she thought that I would be very cheap because I'm married to her. She was right because I got zero money. And although I'm not box office I think having me there gives the film a certain profile.

> "The producer thought I would be very cheap because I'm married to her"

"But the main role is Sir Hugo and there is a very short list of greats you would want in that part and Alan Bates is one of them. We sent him the script and thankfully he loved it."

The sex scenes (Sting's character gets to bed Lady Harriet Coal, played by Theresa Russell, and her potential son-in-law, played by Steven Mackintosh) he shrugs off. "As a non-actor, getting paid for making love to Theresa Russell all day is my idea of a good job. The fact that I wasn't paid is neither here nor there. The gay scene was interesting. I'd never kissed a man before, and nor had Steven, so we did it in one take and tried to make it passionate and real. And, you know, I've kissed uglier women in my time . . ."

Sting's film career began with 1979's *Quadrophenia* and he has consistently returned to cinema work with a mixed bag of offerings including *Plenty* with Meryl Streep, *Stormy Monday*, *The Bride*, *Dune* and Dennis Potter's *Brimstone and Treacle*, in which he played a sinister young man who worms his way into the home of a writer and his family.

"Fledge is very similar to the character I played in *Brimstone*; in fact he is almost a grown-up version. He falls in love with the idea of himself as a gentleman owning the manor and everything that goes with it. He wants the wife, the house, and the land and will do almost anything to get it. That kind of obsession interests me.

"I don't know how much of me there is in these characters. I do sympathise with characters like Fledge in the sense that I do feel marginalised a lot of the time, and I always have done. Success does tend to marginalise you and people don't treat you in a normal way."

Sting will continue to make films whenever his schedule permits — which is not often — and if the subject interests him. "All the films I've made have been learning experiences," he says. "I've never trained as an actor — maybe I should have. I sort of fell into it by accident."

Films will not, he says, interfere with the day job. Sting is currently three months into a world tour that will take him through to next May. His last album, *Mercury Falling*, was critically acclaimed and he is as content, both on a personal and a professional level, as he has ever been in his 44 years. "It would be ridiculous if I wasn't," he says. "I'm blessed with so many things and I can hardly sit here crying into my beer. I've had enough successes, money and rewards — and very nice it's been too."

His occasional forays into tabloid territory — his statements have provided great copy on everything from rainforests to advocating recently that the drug Ecstasy should be legalised — have left him bemused more than wounded. "It doesn't make me more guarded," he says. "But maybe I am too honest sometimes. I'm quite candid and it gets me into all sorts of trouble. But I would rather be candid than just strategically saying the right thing all the time."

● *The Grotesque opens on Friday*



A happy man and his work: "As a non-actor, getting paid for making love to Theresa Russell all day is my idea of a good job"

Have a prize, old boy

Marcus Binney attacks the closed world of the architectural establishment that stifles new talent

Remember the closing scenes of *The Italian Job* with the insistent refrain, "This is the self-preservation society"? The latest Royal Fine Art Commission award makes the architectural world look just like this. Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the judges, presides over the Building of the Year Award, which goes to the Emmanuel College building he himself commissioned. He absented himself from the meeting at which the decision to give the award was made.

But the award reignites the old criticism of the commission, that it is a group of architects and insiders making approving noises about each other's designs. The world of architecture is again becoming a charmed circle, dominated by a London-based Modernist establishment. The same names crop up on the RFAC, the Arts Council, the Architecture Foundation, architectural juries, and, of course, the shortlists for National Lottery projects.

Terry Farrell, who is definitely outside the charmed circle, says: "We are back to the days when a group of so-called progressives decides it knows what is good for the public and insists on giving it to them. In the Thatcher days, there was an open situation. Even American architects were coming over, which is unthinkable today."

Instead the same names appear, topped by the architectural knights. Even Will Alsop, one of Britain's brightest stars in Europe, finds it hard to get a lottery commission. "I'm repeatedly put up against Foster, Hopkins and Rogers. Clients inevitably feel the big names will attract the money."

Piers Gough, one of Britain's most original figures, gets nothing like the openings he deserves. Roderick Gradidge, another major talent, has also been sidelined. Gradidge's chances are slimmer because he is among the 20 per cent of architects who decline to belong to the Royal Institute of British Architects, which provides shortlists to prospective clients.

The latest example of the new cliquishness was the large, but closed, meeting held at the V&A in early June, attended by members of all the bodies involved. "Nobody dared to say that the Libeskind design was a load of rubbish in case they seemed out of touch and out of date," said one observer.

The RFAC has at least appointed some new blood, in the shape of Quinlan Terry, the classicist, and Giles Worsley, the editor of *Perspectives*. But the impression left by the RFAC awards is that they are outnumbered or overawed by the mesmerising personality of their chairman.

POP: A feast of Celtic music in London's Finsbury Park

Field day at the Fleadh

EARLY talk centred on the tightness of Gilbert O'Sullivan's trousers, and the fact that he still sings the one with the line about the hapless wedding couple showing up late like two frozen peas (*Matrimony*, since you ask). Annoying, if you're as good as Sinéad Lohan or the wonderful Luka Bloom, also performing in the lunchtime section of the programme, to find yourself upstaged by a dodgy bit of tailoring and an even dodgier lyric. Luckily, you can count on the Fleadh being a friendly affair, so they won't have borne a grudge. And fear not, Seventies pop fans. The emergency services, though alerted and ready to cut Gilbert free, were not called upon. He went home unaided and fully-trousered.

Different kinds of revelations as Saturday afternoon progressed, meanwhile. For example, it has obviously been a liberating experience for Scotland's Ricky Ross to leave behind the structure of his former band, Deacon Blue. Appearing on the event's second stage, his enervating set centred on a good new solo album, *What You Are*, and was raucously received. In his previous musical guise, he was a magnet for p-words: pompous, po-faced, pretentious. Piffle will be the retort of anyone to have seen him here, swinging through the likes of *Cold Easter* and the excellent recent single, *Radio On*.

Similarly, the Corrs took only 40 minutes on the main stage to demonstrate why they are a good bet for stardom. A debut album, though well received, has a misleadingly smooth surface. In fact, the three sisters and one brother combine traditional instrumentation with a pop sensibility to good effect, and have stage presence, too. The cumulative effect is that of the Chieftains meeting Wilson Phillips, with a spot of *Riverdance*-style dancing thrown in for good measure. How can they not be huge?

Other highlights? Mary Coughlan was a joy, here singing *Ride On* and *I'm Still In Love* in a voice more lived-in than the Finsbury Park high-rises shadowing the park. Lloyd Cole, too, was at his best, sending one well-crafted song after another tumbling out over the early-evening crowd, confirming the mood of relaxed celebration. And Mary Black proved again the potency of both her crystalline voice and of the collective national experience. As she sang *Ellis Island*, teardrops welled in eyes everywhere, desperate to fall.

The evening finished with Clannad on one stage, Maire Brennan elegant and vocally exquisite as ever, and that well-known Irish troubadour, O'Sting, on the other. Anyone claiming it impossible to listen to the latter's ballad *Fields Of Gold* while ankle-deep in plastic beer glasses has too-limited an imagination. The Fleadh can make you forget almost anything. And if a few of the crowd remembered nothing, come Sunday morning, it will have been their loss.

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DANCE

Prepare for take-off: zany tap dancer Tobias Tak entertains the crowds at Stansted airport

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday



MUSIC

***Roberto Alagna* duets with his wife, Angela Gheorgiu, at Hampton Court**

CONCERT: Thursday
REVIEW: Saturday



FILM

Demi Moore* plays the title role in the Mafia courtroom drama *The Juror

OPENS: Friday
REVIEW: Thursday



POP

***Meeting of kindred spirits*: Van Morrison performs with Ray Charles at Wembley Arena**

GIG: Saturday
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ARTS
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
IN SECTION 2

FESTIVALS: Tchaikovsky at Glyndebourne; plus new works for Covent Garden and Spitalfields

Brilliant on the night

The Graham Vick production of Tchaikovsky's opera was one of the glories of the first season in Glyndebourne's new theatre in 1994 and, revived by Caroline Sharman, it has returned fresh as paint. Perhaps "black as pitch" is more accurate. Not even the poetic imagery of Richard Hudson's designs — the veils of memory drawn to reveal each scene, the shafts of light and shadow at once binding and separating the protagonists, those two chairs alone on an empty stage — can soften Vick's pitiless exploration of that most dangerous of countries, the past. "Happiness was once so near," and the way we are reminded how easily it is thrown away makes this an evening not so much of "lyric scenes" (*the composer's official* designation in place of "opera") as one of "ghastly memories".

More cheerfully, the cast is substantially the same as two years ago, with Elena Prokina's infinitely touching Tatyana at its centre. As before, she often risks singing on a thread of tone, holding the house breathless, and this throws into sharper relief those few moments when she lets rip at full throttle. Wojciech Drabowicz's Onegin (Byronic of profile) and Martin Thompson's Lensky (sharing Shelley's hairdresser) are both fuller of tone than before, much more confident on stage. The new Olga (Nadja Michael) and Larina (Sarah Connolly) are first-rate.

But what makes this more than a faithful, well-crafted revival is the arrival of Gennadi Rozhdestvensky in the pit. He is famous for his impatience with rehearsals, preferring to create each performance afresh as a living, breathing entity. There were a few metaphorically raised eyebrows on stage last Friday, when chorus and dancers seemed to be encountering *tempos they had not heard* before. "What a surprise," sing the waltzers at the opening of the second act, as well they might, but they coped.

Eugene Onegin
Glyndebourne

But from the very opening, when the first note of the phrase associated with Tatyana is almost too shy to make itself heard, Rozhdestvensky has the ability to make you listen to the music anew, as if it had *just been written. This is* not only a matter of detail, though the colouring of the trombone tone under the duettino for Onegin and Lensky before the duel and the threatening, *Queen of Spades*-like string figuration in the postlude to the Letter Scene make you sit up and take notice.

It is more a matter of intensity: the "In your house" ensemble at Larina's party is taken very steadily, not just lyrically, building inexorably to a terrifying climax. And there is a complete lack of musical hysteria, always such a danger in Tchaikovsky. The final scene, again taken very steadily, tells of two grown-up people coolly aware of what is at stake and stating their cases almost calmly — until, of course, the closing moments, when playing and singing tear your heart out. This is conducting of genius — and next week it may be quite different.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER



Confident performances: Martin Thompson's Lensky and Wojciech Drabowicz's Onegin prepare to fight a duel in Graham Vick's glorious Glyndebourne production

Risky business

Chance Your Arm
Cochrane

IN *Chance Your Arm*, Mecklenburgh Opera's new double bill, "chance" was the operative word. The evening got off to a late start, a 50-minute interval separated two short pieces and unsettled performances did little to enhance Mecklenburgh's reputation. The Covent Garden Festival programme advertised two commissions based on versions of the Cinderella story, but in the event Errollyn Wallen's *Look! No Hands!* was announced as being still in the workshop stage and we got only one premiere, Julian Grant's *Jump into My Sack*. It *is the story of Francis, a lame, motherless child who has to seek his* own way in life; he is rescued by a fairy who provides him with a sack that will *suck in whatever he chooses.* His adventures begin, but then the opera starts to go seriously out of focus. The score, for small ensemble, is full of engaging ideas. Even the words come across clearly, but only to reveal the vapidity of Meredith Oakes's libretto.

Agnes Treplin's spare, imaginative designs allowed John Abulafia to direct the complicated action with fluid flexibility, but he resorted too readily to *sight-gags.* The bass-baritone Wyn Pencarreg made a moving Francis, and in multiple roles Adey Grummet, Rebecca de Pont Davies and Niall Morris were good.

De Pont Davies had held the stage alone earlier, playing all seven characters in Judith Weir's *The Consolations of Scholarship.* Paul McGrath conducted firm accounts of both scores.

JOHN ALLISON

A pioneer recalled

BBC Singers/Holten
Spitalfields

IT IS 20 years since the tragically early death of David Munrow, the great early-music pioneer. His life and work were celebrated at the Spitalfields Festival by the BBC Singers and a small group of Munrow's colleagues.

Dufay was one of the composers *with whom he was especially associated,* and that connection was recalled in the BBC Singers' performance of the motet *Nuper rosarum flores.* The choir, under the direction of Bo Holten, revealed its structural and expressive glories, as they did that of Gombert's Credo. Although it sets the central affirmation of the Christian liturgy, the Credo is often the least interesting of the Mass movements. There are plenty of exceptions, of course, and Gombert's piece is one of them: a magnificent, full-textured movement which may have been part of a complete Mass.

The BBC Singers' final contribution was *the Requiem of Pierre de la Rue.* The sombre quality of this dark-hued, eloquent piece was admirably captured by the ensemble.

Receiving its world premiere was *Back to Ground* by Martin Butler. This neo-Baroque doodling for recorder, cello and harpsichord seemed both pointless and inept. John Turner, Jonathan Price and Keith Elcombe were better employed in Gordon Crosse's elegiac *Verses in Memoriam David Munrow.* Tenor Martyn Hill was the fine soloist in a curiosity by Ian Kemp, *Carolling,* and in an anonymous *12th*-century plaint, commemorating the passing of one sorely missed.

BARRY MILLINGTON

LONDON

GALINA GORCHAKOVA The sumptuous voice of the Russian soprano in songs by Glazunov, Tanyev, Grechaninov, Rubinstein, Arensky and Cui. With Larissa Gergieva at the piano. **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) Tonight, 7.30pm

JUDE THE OBSCURE Mike Alfreds directs his adaptation of Hardy's novel for Method & Madness, a company of four, playing in repertoire with two other productions for seven weeks. **Lyric**, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311) Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 12, 7pm

SPITALFIELDS Thomas Adès conducts the **Nash Ensemble** in five new exciting works from the shortlist of the 1996 Society for the Promotion of New Music London Showcase. The mezzo-soprano Fiona Kimm joins them for Gavin Thomas's *Leopard Songs*. **Christ Church**, Commercial Street, E1 (0171-377 1362) Tonight, 7.30pm

THE TRICK IS TO KEEP BREATHING Barclays New Stages Festival opens with Michael Boyd's adaptation of the novel by Janice Galloway, praised at this year's Glasgow Mayfest. An account of mental breakdown told with skill and quirky humour. Siobhan Redmond and Jennifer Black play the divided heroine. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square (0171-730 1745/2554) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS** Dennis Potter's poignant drama of wartime childhood. This production's comedy overbalances the trail structure. *National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1* (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 8pm, mat Tue, 3pm. In rep

☐ **CHAPTER TWO:** Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best. **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm

■ **THE DEVIL IS AN ASS** Ben Jonson's adventures of a junior devil in a sleazy London he soon finds to be far worse than Hell. An energetic but hollow production. **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. In rep

☐ **FREEWILD.** Moving Theatre opens a season of Schnitzler with the British *premiere of his 1896 play: an army* officer, deep in debt, harasses an actress he considers fair game (ie "freewild"). Rehearsed playreadings of other Schnitzlers on June 15, 4.30pm. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sun 4.30pm.

■ **HABEAS CORPUS:** Terrific cast for revival of Alan Bennett's marvellously modern farce: Brenda Blethyn, Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton, Jim Broadbent, Nicholas Woodeson, and Sam Mendes directing. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732) Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat 4pm. Until July 27.

☐ **MIND MILLIE FOR ME:** Felicity Kendal plays the cocotte in Peter Hall's production of Feydeau that goes for the pain in the story, ie not so much laughter. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. Until June 15

■ **TARTUFFE:** Ian McDiarmid and Tom Hollander marvellously funny, and creepy, in Jonathan Kent's top-class production of Molière's tart comedy on religious follies. **Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404) Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm

■ **TOMMY:** Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **TRUTH OMISSIONS:** Latest satiric revue from Pieter-Dirk Uys, aka Mrs Evita Bezuidenhout, telling what probably will not be told during South Africa's current "Truth Commissions." **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000) *Opens tonight, 7pm.* Then Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri 8pm and 10.45pm, Sat 4pm and 8pm. Sun (June 23) 7pm. Until June 29

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN** Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's justly celebrated jury-room drama. **Comedy**, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm.

☐ **WHO SHALL BE HAPPY . . ?** Trevor Griffiths directs his new play for Belfast-based Mad Cow Productions, a *two-hander for Stanley Townsend and* Nulvender Ghir as imprisoned French Revolutionary Danton and his guard, awaiting the result of his trial. **Bush**, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Beverley Craven, Chris de Burgh and Sir Cliff Richard are just some of the stars appearing in the *presence of the Princess Royal at* tonight's **Royal Gala Concert**. Carl Davis conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Youth Chorus in the 20th anniversary celebrations of the National Exhibition Centre the compere is Dale Winton. All profits will go to Save the Children. **NEC Arena**, Junction 6, M42 (0121-780 4133) Tonight, 7.30pm

GLASGOW Compelling casting of Peter Straker, Adele Anderson and Luke Goss (half of Brosi as villain, zombie and hero in a musical version of Ed Wood's **Plan 9 from Outer Space**, the 1956 *sci-fi movie generally considered* the worst picture ever made. Marina Calabrone and Richard Hansom direct. **King's**, Bath Street (0141-227 5511) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

HALIFAX: The Canterbury Tales on tour, played as a modern-day storytelling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC (Brian Cant) and Brian Glover as the irrepressible Miller. Adapted by Michael Bogdanov and written by Robin Davies. **Victoria**, Wards End (01422 351 158) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm. Next in **Mold**, Theatr Clwyd (01352 755 114), June 17-22

PERTH. One night only for **Scottish Ballet** who begin the evening with Mark Baldwin's witty and observant *More Poulenc*, followed by a selection of pas de deux and *That Certain Feeling* — a tribute to the music of George Gershwin. **Perth** High Street (01738 621 031) Tonight, 7.30pm. Next in **Elgin**, Town Hall (01343 542 746), tomorrow; **Stranraer** Ryan Centre (01776 703 539), June 12 and 13

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican Eve Arnold In Retrospect (0171-638 4141) **British Museum** Hayama Matsco (0171-636 1555) **Festival Hall** *Tap Ruffle and Shake* (0171-960 4242) **Hayward** Claes Oldenburg an Anthology (0171-928 3144) **Leighton House** Celebration of Calligraphy (0171-602 3316) **Llewellyn Alexander** Not the Royal Academy 1996 (0171-620 1322) **Museum of London:** London on Film (0171-600 0807) **Royal Academy** 228th Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7438) **Tate:** Froehlich Foundation Collection (0171-887 8000) **V & A** William Morris (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-369 1733) ☐ **Communicating Doors** Savoy (0171-836 8888) ◪ **Fame: The Musical** Cambridge (0171-494 5083) ◪ **Jolson** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ☐ **Mack and Mabel** Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5000)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

NEW RELEASES

THE CONFESSIONAL (15) Complex drama spun round identity, truth and Alfred Hitchcock, a dazzling cinema debut for theatre wizard Robert Lepage. With Lothaire Bluteau. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

GIRL 6 (18) Strident and muddled comedy from Spike Lee about phone sex, with Theresa Randle. **Plaza** ◪ (0171-437 1234) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

GUILTRIP (15) Striking Irish drama about a bad marriage, from writer-director Gerard Stembridge. With Andrew Connolly and Jasmine Russell. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631) **NFT** (0171-928 3232)

◆ **NOW AND THEN** (PG) Pleasant young performers improve a tedious script about girls growing up in 1970. With Christina Ricci, Rosie O'Donnell and Demi Moore. Director, Lesli Linka Glatter. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **UP CLOSE & PERSONAL** (15) Love and cliches in a television newsroom. Paper-thin romantic drama with Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford. Director, Jon Avnet. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 883) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **VAMPIRE IN BROOKLYN** (15) Vastly uneven horror comic, with Eddie Murphy as a Caribbean vampire seeking to propagate his kind. With *Angela Bassett, Kadeen Hardison.* Director, Wes Craven. **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15) Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem. Director, Mike Nichols. **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (01426-914666)

◆ **COPYCAT** (18) Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's detective battle with a serial killer. Unpleasant thriller. Director, Jon Amiel. **MGM Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15) Oscar winner Susan Sarandon plus Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful, partially balanced drama about capital punishment. Director, Tim Robbins. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 9631) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

UNE FEMME FRANCAISE (15) High-class tosh, with Emmanuelle Beart and Daniel Auteuil treading 50 years of French history. Director, Regis Wargnier. **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720)

◆ ***KIDS*** (18) Unedifying portrait of kids running wild in Manhattan. A first feature by still-photographer Larry Clark; the cast is non-professional. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

◆ **PRIMAL FEAR** (18) Cocky defence attorney Richard Gere gets sucked into a devious murder case. Superficial thriller, directed by Gregory Hoblit. **Empire** (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18) Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. *With Andy Garcia.* **Odeon Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 0171 632 8300 (24hr) **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Wed 8.00 SALOME

Glyndebourne Festival Opera with The London Philharmonic tonight, Fri 14 at 5.10pm Cavaglia, Tues. 11 at 4.55pm, Sun 16 at 3.55pm Cosi fan tutte. With the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Wed 12, Sat 15 at 5pm Theodora. For possible returned tickets call 01273 813813

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 0171 304 4000 for Box Off & Standby info. Tickets available on the day. Verdi Festival. Tonight 6.00 (First Night) DON CARLOS. Thurs 7.30 (First Night), Sat 7.30 NABUCCO. Festival Events 0171 212 9340. Tomor 4.45, Thurs 8.15 Pre-performance Talk Sat 10.30am Nabucco Study Day

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 0171 960 4242 Raissa Struchkova's SWAN LAKE 14 & 15 June. PROGRAMME OF ONE ACT BALLETS 17 & 18 June. Michael Corder's CINDERELLA 19 - 22 June

THEATRES

ADELPHI "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S MASTERPIECE" Wall St Journal. SUNSET BOULEVARD. Winner of 7 Tony Awards including BEST MUSICAL. Starring PETULA CLARK. 24HR CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS CALL: 0171 344 0055 (bkg fee) GRP BOOKING 413 3902 (bkg fee) No booking fee for Adelphi. Box Office Callers Recorded information 0171 379 6565 Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Thur & Sat 3.00

ALBERY 369 1730/344 4444 420 0000 Eves 7.45, Mats Wed, Sat 3. BEST MUSICAL CRITICS' CIRCLE AWARD 95. COMPANY by SONDHEIM & FURTH "BRIBE THE BOX OFFICE TO GET IN" S.Times. LAST 3 WEEKS

AMBASSADORS 836 6111/420 0297 344 4444 (no bkg fee). KIM CRISWELL SARA CROWE PETER DUNCAN. The Hit Song & Dance Musical. DAMES AT SEA EXTENDED TO 20 JULY "I adored every moment!" DMail. Eves 8pm Thurs Mats 3 Sat Mats 5

APOLLO VICTORIA cc 0171 416 6055 cc 24hrs 0171 344 4444/0171 420 0000 Grps 0171 416 6075/ 413 3321. Andrew Lloyd Webber's New production of STARLIGHT EXPRESS "A REBORN THEATRICAL DELIGHT" Daily Mail. White knuckle runs 19.45 daily. Tue & Sat 15.00 Tickets from £12.50

CAMBRIDGE BO & cc 0171 494 5054 cc (no bkg fee) 312 1992/ 344 4444 Grps 413 3321/ 312 1970/ 494 5454. FAME THE MUSICAL "FAME IS A FEEL-GOOD TRIUMPH" Mail On Sunday. "BREATHTAKING" Independent. Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

COMEDY 0171 369 1731/ cc 344 4444 (24hrs). KEVIN WHATELY. TIMOTHY WEST. PETER VAUGHAN. TONY HAYGARTH. TIM HEALY. "An indispensable experience" S. Times. TWELVE ANGRY MEN "Harold Pinter directs with superb precision" D.Tel. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, Wed 2.30pm & Sat 4pm

CRITERION 369 1737/344 4444. REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged) "Hilarious" Times. Mats Thur at 3, Sat at 5. Sun at 4, Eves at 8pm. THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (abridged). Tuesday at 8pm. AIR CONDITIONED

DOMINION Ticketlines 0171 416 6060/ 0171 420 0000 (bkg fee). Grps 0171 416 6075/413 3321/420 0200. GREASE. Starring RICHARD CALIGN and SHONA LINDSAY. "Fast, furious, thrilling & fun, fun, fun." Daily Mirror. Eves 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 3pm. TICKETS AVAILABLE - APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE. CLOSES 19 OCTOBER

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL SS cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 0171 494 5000/344 4444/420 0000 Grps 494 5454/413 3311/312 8000. MISS SAIGON "THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME" NOW IN ITS 7TH SENSATIONAL YEAR! Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm. Good seats avail for Wed Mat & some perfs - apply B.O. FOR TELEPHONE/POSTAL BOOKINGS & PERSONAL CALLERS 0171 494 5060 (BKG FEE) AN EVENING WITH BARBARA COOK & The BBC Concert Orchestra SUNDAY 23 JUNE at 7.30pm. Tkts £10/£25. All proceeds to Crusaid 0171 494 5062 (+ bkg fee)

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DUKE OF YORK'S 0171 836 5122 cc 836 9837/420 0100. "HAS BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO THE STAGE MUSICAL" Guardian. BY JEEVES. THE ALAN AYCKBOURN & ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER MUSICAL. "AN ENCHANTINGLY BATTY EVENING" S.Times. PREVIEWS FROM 26 JUNE. OPENS 2 JULY FOR A LIMITED SEASON

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NATIONAL THEATRE BO 0171 928 2252. Grps 0171 620 0741/24hr cc bkg fee 0171 420 0000. OLIVIER Ton't 7.15, Tomor 2.00 & 7.15 THE PRINCE'S PLAY. Victor Hugo in a new verse translation by Tony Harrison. Ton't 6pm, PLATFORM: DIALOGUE: PETER O'TOOLE. LYTTELTON Ton't 6.00, Tomor 3.00 & 8.00 BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS. Dennis Potter. COTTESLOE Ton't, Tomor 6.30 (PREVIEWS) WAR AND PEACE. Leo Tolstoy adapted by Helen Edmundson.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 BO 0171 405 0072 CC 0171 404 4079 24hr 0171 344 4444/420 0000. Grps 0171 413 3311/436 5568. THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/ T.S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING MUSICAL. CATS. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00. LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45. LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE.

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■ Learning to screen out many of the things that others are grinding on about is a vital skill

There is something called Eurosport 96, or somesuch. It probably involves football because there is a football in the logo. I have the impression Eurosport 96 is happening here but it may well be elsewhere too. Eurosport 96, whatever it is, starts soon, or may have started already. I think it goes on for some time but have no idea for how long.

And that — cross my heart and hope to die — is all I know about Eurosport 96, if this is indeed its correct name. Among the things I do not know is where in Britain it is happening; whether it is only football; which teams are playing; whether it is professional or amateur, or anything to do with the Olympics, or the European Union; and who or what is behind the whole thing.

And I tell you this not as a boast — it is not clever to be ignorant about sport — nor as a confession. Nor is it a prelude to a complaint. I did hear some rather uppity people on the *Today* programme on Radio 4 bewailing the attention given to Eurosport 96, and said they would have to take a holiday to avoid it. But that is a class thing: you don't hear *Today* complaining about Test match coverage. Why should people think that just because they are indifferent to something, those who are not should be starved of news about it? My indifference to Eurosport 96 is prodigious but nobody is forcing me to follow it.

> Some of what I missed may have mattered, but it gave me space to think

Indeed, I think I have just proved as much. Despite a vague impression that reams of print and hours of broadcasting have already been devoted to this thing, I remain in a state of profound and tranquil unknowingness about it. I haven't been bothered in the least by the coverage. It has not impinged, and will not.

I sketch for you this outline of the black hole of one man's ignorance about Eurosport 96 as an illustration of a human capacity as awesome and life-enhancing as it is little-noticed: the capacity to screen things out. It is almost unbelievable how efficiently *Homo sapiens* can exclude from his notice whole swathes of external stimuli which he does not wish to intrude upon his consciousness.

Our expressions for this talent are often disparaging. "In one ear and out the other"; "like talking to a brick wall". Yet the child who has learnt to screen out the order and dates of the succession of the Kings and Queens of England has learnt a more useful lesson than the one he has missed, for if he is to live at all, he must learn — and quickly — how to ignore perhaps 99 per cent of all that will be passing before his eyes and into his ears in the future.

I submit that the propensity in any infant to glaze over and blank out is an early sign of sentience. He has not gone blank. He is elsewhere, where he needs to be, and undistracted he is learning to split his brain into two parts. One part, the automatic man, stays on sentinel duty, alert to all the data transmitted by his senses, checking, sifting, evaluating, judging . . . and discarding most of it. The other part, the real man, is working on the small proportion of information that his guard-on-watch has relayed through as meriting attention.

The division is a lifesaver, for without it every sentient creature would flail in a mass of mostly irrelevant information. The human being learns it early, as a child, later developing the social skills to pretend to be engaging with his immediate environment. Here are some of the things I missed, ignored, or never really heard, from child to middle-aged man. Almost the whole of the colonial war in Cyprus, where I lived — except the bombs, which were good because they meant school holidays. Almost the whole of school, except reading, and nature studies, particularly anything to do with tadpoles. Frank Sinatra. The Algerian War. Crooning. Girls. Hollywood. The whole Iran-Iraq War, and most of the Vietnam War. Sport. High society, everything in which women wear hats, royalty, and anything that might appear on the Court and Social page of *The Times*. The Church of England. Disco music. The Beatles. Watergate. Fashion. Heavy metal. The City. Insurance. Rap. Lloyd's. Hostages. Aids. The National Trust. The National Health Service. The National Lottery and everything connected with it, except Mystic Meg. Famine relief. Stalkers. Supermodels. Eurosport 96.

Some of these things mattered: some still do; others (in my view) do not. I do not endorse the principle of selection that my own guard-on-duty has applied to the external world, I simply report it.

Mrs Blake once said of her husband and constant companion, William: "I have very little of Mr Blake's company; he is always in paradise." Jane Austen is said to have written much of her work in one corner of a busy room, with family life going on all around her. It is miraculous what she missed. It is miraculous what she did not. So *vive l'Eurosport!* I say. Fill the airwaves with it. Fill *The Times* with it. Fill the times with it. I do not need to go on holiday. I already am.

If the BBC tries to compete in the digital age, it will lose the licence fee and be privatised

Birt's gamble on a commercial BBC

Two announcements on Friday have put the privatisation of the BBC on the national agenda. Quite soon, possibly in the next Parliament, the Government may have to decide whether to allow the BBC to merge with a commercial partner to become part of a major world communications company. The niche concept of a specially favoured national provider of broadcasting might still have been viable, but the restructuring announced by the BBC has decided against it.

The first, and perhaps the most important, announcement was the £670 million deal in which BSkyB bought another four years of the FA Premier League. The BBC was not even the under-bidder, but made a £73 million side deal to preserve *Match of the Day*. The under-bidder was another commercial partnership, the Mirror Group and Carlton Communications, who came close to matching the Sky offer.

The BBC has a licence fee income of about £1.8 billion a year. The Sky deal with the Premier League is therefore the equivalent of an annual payment of a little less than 10 per cent of the licence fee. That is the competitive position which already exists between the BBC and satellite television. Over the next ten years, the digital revolution in broadcasting will have an even greater impact on competition. Last month John Birt published his plan for digital broadcasting, including a number of new series and a 24-hour television news channel which will compete with Sky News and CNN.

John Birt has responded to the changes he foresees in the broadcasting market by scrapping the old structure of the BBC — the division between television and radio, the relative autonomy of the World Service and the regions. He is creating six new divisions, including two very large ones, BBC Broadcast and BBC Production. There will be a separate division for news. BBC Broadcast, under Will Wyatt, will commission programmes for the television and radio channels, for the regional services and for the proposed new subscription channels. It will have a budget of about £1 billion a year. BBC Production will be responsible for making the programmes.

The critics will concentrate on the losses, and they have a strong case. When Marmaduke Hussey ceased to be chairman at the end of March, he left to his successor the decision whether to take the high road or the low road. The high road was to reappoint John Birt, reconstruct the corporation, and aim to be fully competitive in the digital age. The low road was to let John Birt go, concentrate on the BBC's traditional areas of strength, accept a more limited function and leave the central broadcasting marketplace to the bigger and wealthier competitors.

The low road meant that the BBC would cease to have pretensions to be the main broadcasting supplier, but would remain dominant in regional broadcasting, in serious radio, including the World Service, in mid-market television and as the national voice in broadcasting. This BBC would have had a declining share of the total market, but would have remained the market leader in its own area. In newspaper marketing terms that is something like the *Daily Mail* option, aiming to be the strong mid-market leader, but not trying to dominate the mass market. In financial terms it would have meant continuing reliance on the licence fee, with its particular strengths and limitations. Although he saw the big decision as one for his successor, Marmaduke Hussey broadly favoured the low road.

The new chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, only two months into the job, has decided to take the high road. He has given John Birt his head, reappointing him for four years and letting him complete the second stage of the Birt revolution. This puts at

William Rees-Mogg

risk the BBC's traditional strengths in order to enable the corporation to compete in the digital age. Symbolically, there will no longer be any broadcasts from Broadcasting House. The reconstruction downgrades the position of radio in the BBC hierarchy. It will end the independence of the excellent English-language programme-making of the World Service. It aims at making large savings in the traditional management structure to help to finance the entry into the digital age. It envisages that the BBC will still be a major competitor in the next broadcasting era, right across the board, and it centralises power inside the BBC.

I have much sympathy with the objectives of the high road: most of us would like to see the BBC a major broadcasting competitor in the digital world of the 21st century. But the logical implications of the high road have to be faced. The BBC will need to become a commercial institution in an extraordinarily short period of time.

In my period as deputy chairman, from 1981 to 1986, we tried to shift the BBC towards greater enterprise, and gained only a few hundred yards through the mud. Duke Hussey and John Birt have undoubtedly made much more progress than we did, but the BBC is still essentially an institution which gains its income not from the market but from the State. So long as it has the licence fee, how could it be otherwise? The new strategy requires a cultural revolution in the BBC that may not be possible in the time available. In any case the virtues of the old BBC may turn out to be incompatible with the new enterprise culture.

The new strategy also requires money. I accept that there still may be surplus staff in the BBC, including some of the Birtian managers themselves. I do not believe that redundancies on their own can begin to finance the digital revolution. To fulfil John Birt's vision, the BBC will need far more money than the licence fee, as it limps towards the £2 billion mark, can possibly provide. It is, I would guess, a £5 billion vision on a £2 billion revenue. The plan must be to fill the gap with co-production, subscription and pay-per-view revenue. Yet this threatens the licence fee itself. If the BBC neglects its traditional roles, particularly in the regions and radio, and charges market prices for some of its most attractive services, the licence fee will no longer have public support.

The Birt vision also leads naturally to the need for a merger. Even if the revenue problem can be solved — and I do not think it can — the new BBC will remain internationally competitive only if it is of international size. As both were in the public sector as recently as 1980, a merger between the BBC and BT looks a politically attractive way of achieving this — but that means privatisation of the BBC. I suppose the Government which privatised the BBC could continue to offer a tapering licence fee, but that could only be an interim measure. The BBC towards which the second stage of John Birt's revolution is moving could well end up as part of a large merged British communications company, without the licence fee, and wholly in the private sector.

It all seems an extraordinary gamble. It is a gamble on the BBC developing an enterprise culture at full gallop. It is a gamble on the public accepting the loss of emphasis on traditional strengths of the old BBC. It is a gamble on the new structure making the savings expected of it. It is a gamble on editorial morale, particularly in radio, the regions and the World Service. It is an enormous financial gamble. It is a gamble on the future of the licence fee. It is a gamble on world competition without world size. It is a gamble with the whole future of the BBC. I suspect John Birt's gamble will in fact bring to an end the BBC as we have known it. What follows may be better, may be worse, but will be very, very different.

Tending the party roots

Will new Labour's new members stay loyal, asks **Peter Riddell**



Party politics has become a fringe activity. Only about two in a hundred adults are members of the main parties — many fewer than read *The Times* or belong to leading groups for protection of birds and the countryside. Yet most politicians are not worried. They are content to point to continuing high turnout at elections and to the small support for fringe parties. But low membership has undermined the legitimacy of parties and turned them into electoral machines dominated by the ambitious.

Membership has been falling for a long time. But the decline has been sharper, and the level is lower in Britain than in other leading democracies. Forty years ago, 13 per cent of registered electors were in one of the main parties. In the mid-1960s, it was still 9½ per cent. The current level of just over 2 per cent is far lower than across most of Europe. Tory membership is down from a peak of 2¾ million in the 1950s to a little over 750,000 (though even this may be on the high side since officials were talking only a few years ago about a total of no more than 500,000).

The Tory and Labour parties have become socially isolated. Until the 1960s, it was normal for middle-class professionals and businessmen, and their wives, to be active in both the social and the political side of their local Tory associations, just as many Labour parties were based on working men's clubs and union branches. The political and social were linked. They no longer are. Increased affluence and the break-up of old communities have created many more leisure opportunities.

Robert Putnam, a leading American political scientist, argues that this trend is part of a much broader civic disengagement from clubs and other group activities. This is symbolised by the contrast between the sharp decline in organised ten-pin bowling and the rise in individual bowling. His views have been challenged by those who say there has not been a decline in joining, but rather, a shift from old, collective workplace groups and social clubs to sports and single-cause bodies. In Britain, while membership of parties, trade unions and such bodies as the British Legion and the Mothers' Union has dropped, many people have joined environmental and civic bodies, as well as pressure groups.

According to Jeremy Richardson, a British political scientist, citizens now behave as consumers, and parties have lost out in the past 30 years in a growing market for political activism. Parties are being challenged by local cause and protest groups which may offer greater satisfaction than the parties, in which members' influence is often small and indirect.

The parties now raise more of their money by direct mail, which does not require local canvassers, and campaigning is increasingly conducted through the major, centralised media. Critics such as the Demos think-tank argue that parties represent traditional, centralised hierarchies, which are being undermined by a more fragmented structure of networks of companies, voluntary bodies and pressure groups outside Parliament.

But parties remain essential in any representative system, providing coherence for decision-making and recruiting political leaders. With declining memberships comes the risk that parties may be taken over by small, unrepresentative factions. Admittedly, British parties have always been dominated by their élites rather than their mass memberships, but increasingly they are separate from local communities, and consist of political entrepreneurs seeking office.

Moreover, there is firm evidence that higher levels of local membership and activism do improve a party's local performance in elections. In the 1992 election, Labour's successful efforts in key marginals helped to ensure that the Tories' overall majority was 21, rather than the 71 suggested by the national share of the vote. Ironically, government controls on local government may have discouraged people from becoming active in local Tory parties and standing as councillors. Local management of schools and similar moves in other public services to shift control from local political appointees to parents and others have reduced incentives to become involved in constituency parties. The intriguing question is how far this picture has really been changed by the 50 per cent increase in Labour membership in the past three years to 376,000. This is, of course, a rise from an historically low base, and reflects the Blair effect. But unlike the Tories, Labour now has a national membership system which makes it easier to target appeals and to produce a high annual renewal rate of 85 per cent.

However, Labour has had to make itself more attractive, both socially and politically, with not just lengthy meetings but also wine and cheese parties. The crucial ingredient, though, is the increased political involvement of these members via ballots, not only in the election of the leader and selection of candidates, but also on key policy issues. The overwhelming support for the change to Clause Four last year will be followed this autumn by the ballot on the draft manifesto, due to be published this month. Traditionalists are wary of creating a plebiscitory system of democracy which favours the leadership, but this has been crucial to Tony Blair's success. The real test will be whether membership increases if Labour gains power. Are the new members loyal?

There are immediate lessons for the Tories. They need new members, not just to provide money but to revitalise the party. To attract them, the Tories will have to offer a real say in the running of the party and over policy. The Tories are operating in a competitive market for activism and can no longer count on brand loyalty, among voters or potential members.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Ticket trauma

THE HOTTEST opera ticket of the year may be about to plummet in value. Roberto Alagna, the "difficult" young tenor hailed as the new Pavarotti and due to open in Verdi's *Don Carlos* at the Royal Opera House tomorrow, has gone Awol.

Alagna's non-appearance at rehearsals last week alarmed Covent Garden, which is charging £125 for the best seats. The production's conductor, Bernard Haitink, is said to be furious. Some months back, Alagna was prevented from quitting the production only after diplomatic overtures from the director, Luc Bondy, and he has now been allowed to drop out of the final two performances.

Some critics have questioned the wisdom of allowing him to tackle the demanding role of Don Carlos at this stage of his career. "It may be that Alagna himself is now wondering if it is a good idea," says one House insider.

The handsome 33-year-old son of a Sicilian bricklayer has been labelled both "the fourth tenor" and "Mr Difficult". He is said to have infuriated Jonathan Miller, who directed him in *La Bohème* at the Opéra Bastille this year, when he was apparently uncooperative.

The tenor is understood to be in London, but he had not been seen by Friday morning. The House was closed yesterday, and whether or not he slipped in for a last-minute rehearsal over the weekend was unclear. Much is riding on his turning in a superb performance. Aside from *Don Carlos*, he is booked to star at the House next month in *La Traviata* with the Romanian soprano Angela Gheorghiu — by chance his new wife.



Missing tenor: Alagna

● *An insight into the clown prince of football, Paul Gascoigne, came from Gary Mabbutt, his former team-mate at Tottenham Hotspur, over lunch at Wembley before Saturday's feeble England performance. When Gazza first arrived at Spurs, some years ago, he was given the number 8 shirt and teased by team-mates that the number indicated his IQ. Unusually for Gazza he did not respond to the gibes. "Then he went up to Gary Lineker in the car park," recalls Mabbutt, "and asked him what IQ meant."*

Him again

A FOOTNOTE must be added to the bloody annals of Derek Hatton's expulsion from the Labour Party. The role of Roy Hattersley's mother has been neglected.

The other day, recording an edition of the Radio 4 parliamentary quiz-show *Out of Order*, Hattersley struggled to identify the voice of Hatton, despite numerous clues.

"I had completely blocked that voice out of my mind," he tells me, explaining that the man he helped to expel from the party had long been a family bogeyman. Back in the depths of the 1970s or early '80s (it gets pretty murky here) when his mother was a Sheffield councillor, Hatton was employed as a social worker. "But when she discovered that he wasn't social-working but evangelising for Trotskyism she got him sacked. So we Hattersleys got him twice."

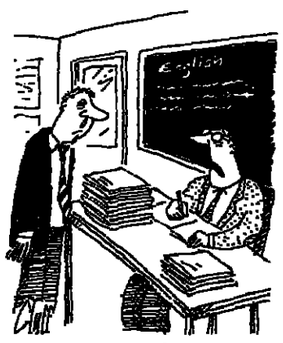
Bard moves

THE NATION'S bards are limbering up to give the summer of sport some rhythm. A "Poetry Olympics" is to be held at the Albert Hall next month. Michael Horovitz intends to present a "different spirit to that of the zealously competitive modern Olympics". He has booked an interesting bunch of stanza-hurlers, from established sorts such as James Fenton, Paul Durcan and the unofficial southern Irish laureate Brendan Kennelly, to pop stars Damon Albarn, Patti Smith, and Ray Davies of the Kinks. The dressing rooms will also reverberate to Ian Dury, Heathcote Williams and Adrian Mitchell.

But Horovitz, a melancholy figure, says from experience that he will lose money even if he attracts a full house. He is surviving on three hours' sleep and baked beans.

Cheers!

SOMEBODY wants to keep us in the dark about the drinking habits of the redoubtable Baroness Trumpington. Last week her Ladyship was winding up for the Government in the second reading of the Treasure Bill in the Lords. Her voice fading a little, she swigged from a tumbler of water, then raised it and declared: "I wish it was gin," to guffaws from peers. Mysteriously however, the remark is missing from Hansard, the official record of parliamentary proceedings. Is the Upper House a more cheerful place than somebody cares we should know?



"I need to talk to you about streaming"

Dutch courage

GRAHAM TAYLOR may have thought that his trouble with the Dutch was over, but now, in his job as a Euro 96 summariser for the television station Eurosport, he must once again face his nemesis.

Taylor's previous running commentary on an England-Holland match came from the touchline during the fateful qualifier for the last World Cup. Recorded by Channel 4, it included 36 uses of the "f" word and his pathetic, repeated bleating of "Do I not like that".

Eurosport, however, is "99 per cent certain that he will be commentating on the game".

Bye, baby

THE NATION has lost Countess Sokolow to the Costa del Sol. The former Bienvenida Buck says she has quit London for good to settle in Marbella where, forswearing men, she has surrounded herself with puppies and kittens. "Men are like toys. You need them sometimes. But now I protect animals and have discovered that they give me the kind of love that men have never given me," explains the peroxide-tressed Carmen.



Bienvenida: off to Spain

But males are not the only reason for her going, she tells the Spanish magazine *Lecturas*. Quite simply: "The English don't deserve me."

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HOUR OF TRUTH

Britain should stand and fight for the right sort of Europe

The job of Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, is to resolve conflicts, propose solutions and maintain the European Union machinery in smooth working order. None of these objectives will have been served by his outburst in an interview yesterday, suggesting that Britain's "hour of truth" in Europe was approaching. Instead, he has intensified a debate on Europe whose outcome is increasingly unlikely to suit either his own view, or that of his federalist backers in Germany and France.

Mr Santer acknowledged, while carefully not acceding to such sentiments himself, that some Europeans were questioning if the EU might be better off without Britain. He strongly criticised the Government's policy of non-cooperation aimed at lifting the beef ban. And he put the blame on Britain for the crisis. "The problem," he said, "can only be solved by measures taken in the UK."

If that were so, the problem might have been solved already. The problem of consumer confidence can be solved only when our European partners agree that the measures taken in the UK are sufficient to justify lifting the ban. Mr Santer should be the first to appreciate that the beef market all over Europe will recover only when the ban is lifted. But more important for him, until the ban is lifted, the debate on Britain's membership of the EU is likely to become more rancorous.

Only recently has the taboo been broken in Britain allowing significant figures to question EU membership. Now its counterpart abroad, the questioning of the merits for the EU of Britain remaining a member, has been breached. We are happy that a debate on the benefits of British membership should take place. The truth is clear enough to us.

It is important both for Britain and for Europe that this country should remain a member, in order to help to craft the kind of Union that will best ensure prosperity and peace on our shared continent. Britain's case for a free-trading Europe of sovereign states, articulated by its politicians, has strong support among many of the peoples of other European countries. Britain would be failing not only its own voters, but other countries' too, if it ceased to articulate and fight for an intelligent vision for the Union that is different from that of Mr Santer.

It is in this spirit that Bill Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, will introduce a ten-minute rule Bill to the Commons tomorrow. He proposes that a referendum should be put to the voters asking the following question: "Do you want the United Kingdom to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union, so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?". His purpose is to send a British government, of whichever hue, into the intergovernmental conference (IGC) with a mandate from the electorate against all federalising measures, including EMU, and in favour of a review of a Maastricht Treaty.

The Bill may be flawed. It is arguable whether the question couched could reasonably be put to the public. But MPs tomorrow do not have to worry about that. Mr Cash's Bill is extremely unlikely to become law. Strong support for it, however, would remind the Government that Parliament wants a firmer stance in the IGC than it is currently likely to get. Such a stance woud be not just in Britain's but all Europe's interest. If the whole of Europe will be ill-served by a single currency artificially trying to hold economies together, then John Major should want to say so at the IGC. A vote for the Referendum Bill tomorrow is a way of sending both him and Mr Santer that firm message.

MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM

Business must not allow the Greenwich Exhibition to fail

Time is to be the theme of the proposed Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich but, owing to delay and dither, time is perilously short to make the event the success it should be. It would be an immense missed opportunity if the exhibition failed.

The Millennium Exhibition was conceived as an inspirational flourish for a Government 13 years in power and anxious to appear still creative. But its short life has been an unhappy one. London was always the obvious city for the Exhibition, and Greenwich, home of the time signal, the best site. But, instead of choosing the site quickly, the Government insisted on a competition which wasted time, created resentment among losing cities and required a clumsy intervention at the end to rescue Greenwich from its own faulty campaign.

The squandered months are the most obvious symptom of a broader lack of leadership. The inspirations for the Millennium Exhibition were the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Festival of Britain of 1951. Both were celebrations of material progress which lauded industry and artistry. Both were successes because of imperious but committed individuals. Prince Albert made the 1851 Exhibition a triumph and the 1951 Festival was driven by Labour's Deputy Prime Minister, Herbert Morrison.

Now, the intervention of another Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, seems to have produced a chance that the Millennium Exhibition may yet be a success. He has gone some significant way towards encouraging reluctant business to contribute the £150 million needed from the private sector for the exhibition. In the past week Mr Heseltine has, apparently, secured the support of major companies such as British Airways, British Aerospace and BP.

But significant as that support is, it is not enough. More money, and a clearer vision are required. Business is understandably wary about involvement in a project which has not, until very recently, had about it the necessary sense of purpose. It would, however, be tragic if this initiative were to falter because British business were not to rise to the challenge. Support for the project would yield no instant profit but a successful exhibition would be not only a superb marketing opportunity for all British business but a sign of faith in the UK.

The exhibition may have been handed to London, and it will have to depend on big business, but it should still be the property of the whole kingdom. That will require political weight being brought to bear where hitherto there has been hot air.

The Government should try to involve all four nations of the UK in a celebration of harmony and diversity. It should recognise that the future rests increasingly with smaller businesses and ensure that they have a place. It should complement the commercial with the creative. And it should temper the message of growth and optimism with a concern for renewal and environmental improvement. The exhibition will need a modern Capability Brown to transform the site and a chief executive who is a business Bonaparte to make it work.

There is much for Government and the private sector to do. Unless the leadership required is shown now then all these bright hopes for a confident start to the next millennium will be replaced by a sense of frustration at another opportunity fumbled.

GRAVE QUESTIONS

Faith and science are in conflict in Israel

A sweeping demand by fundamentalist Orthodox rabbis for an immediate halt to the excavation of all gravesites that may contain Jewish bones has caused uproar in Israel and thrown Binyamin Netanyahu's attempts to form a new Likud-led coalition into turmoil. The three religious parties, who hold the balance of power, are using their new strength to force through one of the most controversial demands of the religious Right, a change in the Antiquities Law to prevent any activity that might desecrate Jewish burial sites. Archaeologists are appalled. They say that the demands could close the door on one of the world's richest treasure-houses of knowledge.

Few sciences arouse as much passion in Israel as archaeology. Almost every Israeli is an amateur excavator. The science is a source of historic pride and global reputation. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has one of the most renowned archaeology schools, building on a reputation, like the equally distinguished British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, that stretches back to the days of the British mandate.

At present scholars are working in more than 300 sites, and by law no new building development can go ahead without an initial archaeological investigation. The Holy Land is one of the oldest continuously inhabited parts of the world, whose rocky landscape and dry climate has preserved layer upon layer of cultures, peoples and civilisations. In recent years the finds have been spectacular. The mountain fortress of Masada has yielded dramatic evidence. The tombs of David and Caiaphas, the palaces of Herod and Solomon, the altar of Moses, the site where Bar Kochba raised his revolt and the presumed model for the Golden Calf have all had the dust of myth and the earth of history removed from them to reveal mysteries and glories.

But other passions beside the zeal of scholarship surround archaeology in Israel. The search for Jewish identity and the attempt to prove, in ancient stones and buildings, Jewish claims to historic Palestine have made the science another flashpoint in relations with the Arabs. The excavations on the Temple Mount have caused outrage among Muslims. Christians have been bemused by some of the wilder recent claims to have found the tomb of Jesus or the site of the Crucifixion. And the ultra-Orthodox Jews of Mea Sherim in Jerusalem have fought pitched battles with police and secular archaeologists in their attempt to halt digging in virtually any part of the city.

No dig in Israel can be certain not to uncover human remains. If Mr Netanyahu capitulates, he will, effectively, halt excavations that have more historic importance than those in almost any other part of the world. He will also send a signal that despite the narrowness of his victory, his Government will be forced to adopt a range of fundamentalist religious positions that could change the face of modern, secular Israel. There is more at stake in the ground than scholarship.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Adultery, divorce and the children

From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood

Sir, Mr Mark Mullins (letter, June 3) wants to "admonish adulterers" by making adultery "a clear statutory ground for divorce". Adultery is indeed worthy of admonition, and in Old Testament times was punishable by death.

It was this punishment which encouraged the Reformers to regard an adulterous marriage as dead, and hence to treat adultery as a ground for divorce. The Eastern Churches had long since come to the same conclusion by a different route, relying on the so-called "Matthean exception" in Matthew xix, 9:

I tell you, if a man divorces his wife for any cause other than unchastity and marries another, he commits adultery.

Under our present law, however, easy and automatic divorce has come to seem more like a reward for adultery. Attempts to redress the balance by stressing the element of fault are understandable but would simply compound the error by confusing an admonishable symptom of marriage breakdown with the breakdown itself.

The stated purpose of the Family Law Bill is to support such marriages as can be saved by encouraging couples to face realistically, and as far as possible non-confrontationally, the full consequences of divorce. Its great merit is that it returns unequivocally to the only morally defensible ground for divorce, namely the effective death of the marriage, a death which in the end only the couple themselves can properly identify.

The Christian gospel in these unhappy circumstances is not to add insult to injury by admonishment, but to declare that even in the face of death there is still hope of a new life.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HABGOOD,
18 The Mount,
Malton, North Yorkshire.
June 7.

From Mr Martin Poupard

Sir, The Family Law Bill proposes an 18-month waiting period plus a further three-month initial cooling-off period for those seeking a divorce.

Parliament appears to have forgotten that "any delay in determining [any] question" with respect to the upbringing of a child "is likely to prejudice the welfare of the child" (Children Act, 1989).

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN POUPARD,
Bartlett, Gregory, Collins & Snow (solicitors),
National Westminster Bank Chambers,
143 High Street, Bromley, Kent.
June 4.

Parenting classes

From Dr Robin Gray, FRCS

Sir, The Shadow Home Secretary's call for a curfew (report and leading article, June 4) to ensure that children under 11 are not out, without a responsible figure, after nine o'clock in the evening is superficial, palliative and will do nothing useful in the long term. The only long-term solution for the ills such a curfew is presumably intended to address is improved parenting.

The contact points for starting to teach parents how to bring up their children are ante and post-natal clinics, on entry of a first child to nursery school and on entry of a first child to primary school. Teaching of life skills to all children must follow until they leave school.

Inadequate parenting costs society dearly. Until a serious attitude is taken to teaching the skills of parenting and education for life nothing will change.

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN GRAY,
Chemin du Petit-Chêne 11,
1860 Aigle, Switzerland,
June 4.

From Mrs Annette Mountford

Sir, The Bishop of Hull's advocacy of the value of parenting classes (letter, June 3) can be substantiated by the experience of our charity.

In the past three years our classwork with families has demonstrated the importance of education for good parenting and relationships. Many of the families have been seriously dysfunctional, with children exhibiting emotional behaviour disorder. The positive changes they have made show the effectiveness of attending good quality programmes.

There are many long-term social benefits to be gained from the development of parenting skills, and referrals from social workers, health visitors and teachers have increased, as have self-referrals, reflecting a new public mood that learning to be a good parent is socially acceptable.

Our work is emotionally demanding and there is constant pressure to seek charitable funding. The Bishop wants to dangle the carrot of double child benefit for those who attend classes, but government investment is required for the classes themselves or there won't be the classes to go to.

Yours faithfully,
ANNETTE MOUNTFORD
(Executive Co-ordinator),
Family Nurturing Network,
Unit 12F,
Minns Estate,
7 West Way, Botley Road, Oxford.
June 6.

Dubious value of royal commissions

From Professor Emeritus Nigel Walker

Sir, Another royal commission on crime and punishment is unlikely to be as "dispassionate, authoritative and constructive" as Professor McConville and his fellow signatories hope (letter, June 3).

Surprisingly they refrain from reminding us that less than 30 years ago the Royal Commission on the Penal System dissolved itself without making a single recommendation, for the very reason that its members could not agree on fundamental principles.

A royal commission on crime and punishment would make as much sense as a royal commission on ill-health. If the signatories of this naive proposal have in mind specific problems, such as the demarcation dispute between the Lord Chief Justice and the Home Secretary, this is more likely to be solved by a committee of Parliament, which after all has the last word.

As for "the need for a proper balance between . . . the various purposes of punishment", this is just what split the Royal Commission on the Penal System. When I gave oral evidence to them the discussion was broken up by arguments between pragmatists and the "just deserters".

There is no reason to expect another commission or committee to reach agreement unless its members are deliberately selected so as to ensure this. Politicians are not the only "partisans". The great and the good have ideologies too.

Of more use than a royal commission with so vague a remit would be small working parties with the freedom and resources to tackle well-defined problems in experimental ways, and to evaluate the results properly: less spectacular but more constructive.

I am &c,
NIGEL WALKER,
King's College, Cambridge.
June 4.

Need for juries from all walks of life

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, The Chairman of the Queen's English Society (letter, June 1) quotes the "intricacy" of criminal proceedings and the purported fact that the number of "disfunctionally illiterate" adults in the country may be higher than one in six as grounds for doubting the "suitability of some jurors to serve on *any* kind of trial, let alone one involving specialised knowledge". I disagree.

No juror is required to possess expert knowledge on any subject except ordinary life, in which most people have some qualifications. Usually the jury are urged by the judge to use their common sense and knowledge of the world in coming to their decision. No doubt instinct and intuition also play a part, as they do in all decision-making.

One of the advantages of trial by jury is that counsel on both sides are required to ensure that everyone (including the defendant) understands both the evidence and the issues. This is not difficult: for trapped inside every technical or scientific concept there is almost always a simple idea waiting to be liberated.

If the jury do not understand evidence, argument or legal directions they are encouraged to say so. In these circumstances they should assume that the fault lies with the witness, counsel or the judge — and they will invariably be right.

Many defendants charged with fraud have run businesses without being able to read a balance sheet, a broadsheet or a road sign. If they are entitled to be tried by their peers the jury should contain a representative cross-section of the population, including the illiterate. Those people who cannot read a newspaper ought not to be disqualified from jury service; nor should those who have letters published in *The Times*.

Perhaps together they would provide the perfect mix: a jury chosen at random from all walks of life whose sole aim is to produce a just verdict.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD THWAITES,
10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.
June 1.

Sudanese denial

From the Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin has delivered his usual attack on Sudan ("A slave state of our time", May 31; see also letters, June 6) using unsubstantiated allegations of slavery.

At no time has my Government encountered a single case of slavery in any part of the country, let alone the existence of 12,000 southern slaves in the North, as the writer suggests.

Compatriots from Southern Sudan occupy key posts in the State and the Army, including the position of Vice-President of the Republic of the Sudan and three federal ministers and a similar number of ministers of state, besides dozens of elected MPs and several ambassadors and envoys.

They also constitute a significant portion of the Sudanese Army and of all the large towns in the North. Why should all these keep a blind eye towards the enslaving of their children?

To exclude any doubt, in areas which occasionally witness armed tribal conflicts an independent commission was set up to investigate any claim or case of slavery or the disappearance of any individual.

A peace charter was signed on April 10, 1996, by the Government and two of the three rebel factions to put an end to the war in the South. The free and fair presidential and parliamentary elections last March were the start to ending another potential source of abuse, which is the violent struggle for power.

These two steps, as well as the release of all political detainees and prisoners, were welcomed and commended by the UN Human Rights Commission last April in Geneva.

There is no truth in Mr Levin's claim that relief is used by my Government as a weapon against the rebels. Convoys and flights to the rebel areas rely largely on the protection and co-operation which it readily offers and which the UN General Assembly has repeatedly commended.

The area of the Nuba Mountains mentioned by Mr Levin was visited by many international delegations and none of them confirmed the allegations of atrocities.

Yours faithfully,
OMER Y. BIREEDO,
Embassy of the Republic of the Sudan,
3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SW1.
June 6.

From Mr Louis Fitzgibbon

Sir, On May 30 the Sudan Government announced that it would permit a referendum on the future of the South. This is the very thing John Garang, leader of one faction of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, has been demanding. It is also one of the main planks of Baroness Cox's arguments as president of Christian Solidarity International.

Garang can hardly refuse, but the result would be for Sudan to remain united, as the southern people are sick of war and also know that any secession would result in Somalia-type inter-tribal warfare. This should also take the wind out of the UN resolution mentioned by Mr Bona Malwal (letter, June 6), which is due for review on July 10.

The path to peace is open: let Garang take it; or does he fear that if peace comes he will no longer be a war lord, but lord of nothing?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
LOUIS FITZGIBBON,
8 Portland Place,
Brighton, Sussex.
June 7.

Road rage in reverse

From Mrs Sheila G. Mortimer

Sir, A colleague was cycling to work yesterday when a car cut in front, clipping his bicycle and causing him to career into the grass verge. He narrowly avoided injury but was extremely angry.

The car door opened and a monk emerged. He was gentle, apologetic and concerned and my colleague, by the end of the encounter, was reassuring him that it was a dangerous piece of road anyway and there was no need for him to worry.

Perhaps this is the answer to road rage (report, May 15; letters, May 25, 31): don a monk's habit.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA G. MORTIMER,
Caldicote,
103 High Street,
Lindfield, West Sussex.
June 5.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

A foreign climate?

From Mr Alan Thame

Sir, Weather is our national talking point: the common denominator of class and the ice-breaker of conversation. Met Office forecasts have been on BBC TV since before the war; yet it seems we are to leave it to companies from North America to compete in interpreting weather for our consumption via cable and satellite TV (report and leading article, June 1).

Is it too difficult for a home-grown organisation to work with the Met Office and present our weather in our own way? Over the years we have seen big advances in television forecasting, with skilled meteorologists whose opinions stay with us for far longer than their advanced computer graphics and charts.

Yes, they do get it wrong from time to time, but anyone who travels will know just how good weather forecasting is in this country most of the time. Why should we let others assume that they can do it better?

Yours faithfully,
ALAN THAME,
7 Welbeck Close,
Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire.
June 3.

Paying up to be lord of the manor

From the Lord of Hornchurch Hall

Sir, I welcome the items in *The Times* of May 31 which deal with lordships of the manor, but regret the emphasis placed in your leading article on status, wealth and rights and on what you call "these cracked and dusty baubles". Many "new" lords of the manor are motivated differently:

1. In the main, we are ardent royalists and supporters of the monarchy, to which we owe our lordships.

2. Lordships are changing hands at a mere £4,200: one does not have to be wealthy to be a lord.

3. Lordships do occasionally bestow rights, but most of the "new" lords are more interested in responsibilities, which they are encouraged to take seriously by the Manorial Society of Great Britain.

4. Lordships no longer bring automatic status; many of the "new" lords have earned it by their manorial benefactions.

Forgive me for rushing to the lists: I write as chairman of a charitable trust which has owned this lordship since 1993 and has nominated me to bear the title for life.

I remain, your obedient servant,
JOHN HORNCHURCH,
Lord of Hornchurch Hall,
Hornchurch Hall,
7 Parkstone Avenue,
Hornchurch, Essex.
June 1.

From Mr Kenneth Nicholls

Sir, The Irish baronies, described in your report of May 31 as a "different animal from lordships of the manor", are based simply on a misunderstanding of the word "barony".

Until recently this was the term used in Ireland for the administrative division of the county, corresponding to the English "hundred". It never gave the title of Baron to anyone (unless, of course, its name was chosen as that of a peerage title).

As an historian who has specialised in these matters, I have never heard of the title of Baron of Gorey, for which you report that Mr David Mullins has paid £30,500 (to whom?). I also believe that the vendor was one of the many individuals whose ancestors were granted lands in the barony at the time of the 17th-century Plantation, and that there may thus be at least twenty people who could call themselves "Baron of Gorey".

One might as well argue that, because the land was in County Wexford, they could all use the title of "Count of Wexford".

Yours sincerely,
KENNETH NICHOLLS
(Statutory lecturer),
University College Cork,
Department of History,
Cork, Ireland.
June 2.

Parliamentary hearing

From Mr Geoffrey Sumner

Sir, Some people, weary of our politicians, might agree with your radio critic Peter Barnard ("Lock up the House", Arts, May 30) that the BBC should stop "inflicting" *Yesterday in Parliament* on "a largely begrudging audience". But those people do not include the audience.

A BBC Broadcasting Research survey of regular listeners at the end of last year showed that 72 per cent thought it important that the BBC should transmit this round-up of the previous day's parliamentary proceedings.

Listeners were also asked to compare *Yesterday in Parliament* with the readings (rightly praised by Mr Barnard) broadcast during recesses. The replies showed that 34 per cent thought the readings more interesting, 34 per cent found them about as interesting, and 25 per cent found them less interesting than Parliament.

The survey also found that more people listen to *Yesterday in Parliament* than to its replacements. When Parliament was not sitting, the average audience for the time slot fell from 1.31 million to 1.27 million.

I think we can assume that many of our appreciative listeners are also readers of *The Times*, who no longer have a parliamentary page to turn to.

Yours faithfully,
G. SUMNER
(Editor, *Today in Parliament* and *Yesterday in Parliament*),
BBC,
4 Millbank, SW1.
June 4.

Out of order

From Mr George Barrow

Sir, I attended the wedding last weekend (letters, June 1, 6) of a good friend, many of whose guests have flown into this country from great distances. Because of this it was thought that the wedding blessing and the baptism of the couple's first child could usefully be combined into the same occasion.

Concluding the blessing of the marriage with a prayer that mentioned the hope of Christian progeny, the vicar declared, with a good deal of alacrity, that if anyone had ever doubted the power of prayer its efficacy was now beyond question, and went straight into the baptism service.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BARROW,
74 Romilly Road, Finsbury Park N4.
June 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 8: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, honoured Epsom Races with her presence today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 8: The Duke of Kent, President, the Football Association, this afternoon attended the Euro 96 England versus Switzerland Final Tournament match, Wembley Stadium, Middlesex.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 9: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), today visited the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion at Swynnerton, Staffordshire.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Keith Angus to be an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland.

Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open an exhibition at Windsor Guildhall at 10.00 to mark the Duke of Edinburgh's 75th birthday.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Sense — the National Deafblind and Rubella Association — will visit a Sense shop at 165 Castle Square, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, at 3.30; as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Oxford Blue, 60-62 Constitution Hill, Birmingham, at 4.10; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the West Midlands appeal gala concert at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, at 6.35.

Birthdays today

The Duke of Edinburgh celebrates his 75th birthday today.

Mr Brian Baldock, deputy chairman, Guinness, 62; Mr W.G. Barr, former Rector, Exeter College, Oxford, 79; Mr Saul Bellow, writer, 81; Mrs Susan Bodinham, Headmistress, St Mary's School, Wantage, 45; the Right Rev L.W. Brown, former Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 84; Mr Peter Butler, MP, 45; Sir Bryan Cartledge, Principal, Linacre College, Oxford, 65; Sir Christopher Collett, former Lord Mayor of London, 65; Mr Peter Crampton, MEP, 64; the Very Rev G.J.T. Forbes, Provost, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, 45; Sir Brinsley Ford, former chairman, National Art-Collections Fund, 88; Lord Justice Peter Gibson, 62; Mr Graham Carleton Greene, publisher, 60; Mr R.P. Halward, former Governor, Manchester prison, 45; Sir William Harris, civil engineer, 84; Mr Guy Harwood, racehorse trainer, 59; Sir Arthur Hawkins, former chairman, CEGB, 83; Mrs Phyllis Hetzel, former President, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 78; Dr Polly Hill, anthropologist, 82; Mr Lionel Jeffries, actor, 70; Mr Simon Jenkins, former Editor, *The Times*, 53; Mr Michael Kenny, sculptor, 55; Sir Geoffrey Otton, civil servant, 69; Mr Tom Pendry, MP, 62; Mr Anthony Rooley, lutenist, 52; Major-General Michael Walsh, former Chief Scout, 69.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Commander: J P Bearne — RNU St Mawgan, 1.10.96; I Clapham — Ioan DTSO Kyle, 13.9.96; K A Fox — RNAS Portland, 6.12.96; P W Hollhead — Northwood, 13.9.96.

Local Lieutenant Colonel: D G V Heaver — staff of CINCFLEET, 2.8.96.

Retirements
Commander: A R Dent, 31.9.96.
Local Lieutenant Colonel: P N Ward, 27.8.96.

Royal Air Force

Group Captain: J Mackreath — HQSTC, 10.6.96; D N Williams — HQLC, 14.6.96; S D Black — MOD, 14.6.96.
Wing Commander: N J Barnes — Staff C Bracknell, 10.6.96.



South Coast Airways hostesses Geraldine Dixon, left, and Vivienne Gabriel in the shadow of the DC3 Dakota

Take-off for Dakota 'trolley dollies' reunion

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

A REUNION of hundreds of former DC3 "trolley dollies" — air hostesses who flew on the Douglas DC3 Dakota — is planned to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the world's most venerable, and popular, passenger aeroplane.

Geraldine Dixon, 42, who flew as an air hostess for Dan Air and Jersey European before learning how to cope with the idiosyncrasies of an Air Atlantique DC3, has gone back to work on Britain's last surviving commercial passenger "Dak" now operating charter flights from Bournemouth for newly-formed South Coast Airways.

Although her experience on the aircraft is more recent, like thousands of others who flew on the workhorse of the skies immediately after the war Mrs Dixon admits already to an intense feeling of delight in the twin-engined aeroplane that first flew in commercial service in 1936.

"There is something magic about the noise made as the captain starts the engines that a jet aircraft will never be able to conjure," she said. "In flight, they produce such a distinctive and comforting drone that everyone fondly remembers. I am sure there are many others who would love to come down to Bournemouth, see the DC3, have afternoon tea and just talk about how flying has changed."

Her husband Andrew set up South Coast Airways in April after buying from the receivers of a French airline a "Dak" which saw active service with the US Air Force during D-Day. He is now the chief pilot, flying parties of enthusiasts to air shows or taking corporate visitors on day trips around Britain and Europe.

Nature notes

In a few places, quails are calling among the growing corn: they have a triple note like "kiss-me-quick". Male corn buntings sit on telephone wires making their jangling song: they often have two or three mates, each with a nest in the fieldside hedges below. Blackbirds and song-thrushes, wrens and chaffinches are in full song. Spoonbills have been reported on lakes and marshes: this white, heron-like bird with a circular end to its beak is now established in The Netherlands, and may become a British breeding species. Woods are full of the bright blue flowers of bugle: this is a snapdragon-like flower, but has only the long lower lip, not the curved hood above it. The first pale purple flowers of spotted orchids are out, growing on stout stalks among the blotchy leaves. Wall-brown butterflies fly swiftly through the countryside: they have elaborately spotted, orange-brown wings, and occasionally settle to spread them.



The spoonbill

On the oak trees, there are millions of caterpillars of various species of moth: when they are ready to turn into chrysalids, they lower themselves to the ground on fine silk threads. DJM

Dinner

Old Cerdics Association
Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, was the guest of honour at a reception held on Saturday in Chard, Somerset, to mark the 325th anniversary of the foundation of Chard School. At a dinner held afterwards, Mr Graham Chamberlain, President of the Old Cerdics Association, presided. Mr Lawrence Powell and Mr John Stoiesbury, Head Master, also spoke.

Annual meetings

The Chartered Institute of Patent Agents
At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, Mr Andrew C. Serjeant was elected President and Mr Robert W. Beckham was elected Vice-President.

Society for Nautical Research
At the Annual General Meeting of the Society for Nautical Research held at the Royal Naval Museum Portsmouth on June 8, honorary membership was awarded to Lieutenant Commander D.W. Waters, RN, FSA, FRHistS, FRIN.

Memorial services

Dame Nita Barrow
The High Commissioner for Barbados read the 23rd Psalm at a memorial service for Dame Nita Barrow, Governor-General of Barbados, 1990-95, held yesterday at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. The Rev Dr Peter Graves officiated.

The Secretary General of the Commonwealth and Mrs Joyce Scruton, YWCA, read the lessons. The Bishop of Croydon gave an address and Professor Sir Kenneth Stuart gave a eulogy.

The Rev Pearline Chambers, the Rev Anderson Jones, Mr Stephen Lewis, the Rev C. Sealy and the Rev Winfield Collins also took part. A message from President Nelson Mandela was read by Mr Bruce Knoefel, Counsellor at the South Africa High Commission.

The Rev H. Settimba, the Rev P. Newman, the Rev C. Davis and the Rev Phillips were robed.

During the service the National Flag of Barbados was borne in procession by Lieutenant Simon Fields of the Barbados Defence Force, escorted by Mrs Thelma Walcott and Ms Margaret Harewood of the Barbados Overseas Nurses Association. Mr Ian Hall, of the Bloomsbury International Society, played a musical tribute.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Mr Charles Drace-Francis.

Members of family, members of the Diplomatic Corps, Members of both Houses of Parliament, the YWCA and many other friends were present.

Professor R.F.V. Heuston
A memorial service for Professor Robert Francis Vere Heuston, a former Dean of Pembroke College, Oxford, was held on Saturday in the college chapel. The Rev Dr John Platt, chaplain, officiated. Dr Piers Mackesy, Emeritus Fellow of Pembroke College, gave an address.

Miss Susan Fleetwood
A celebration for the life and work of Miss Susan Fleetwood, actress, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated.

Mr Gawn Grainger read the lesson. Miss Brenda Blethyn read *Her Praise* by W.B. Yeats and Mr Brian Cox read *Sonnet XVIII* by Shakespeare. Mr Michael Coveney gave an address. Mr Mick Fleetwood, brother, Ms Mopsy Heath, Ms Linda Clifford, Mr Luke Jones, Miss Angela Pleasence, Mr Peter Eyre, Mr John Tams and Friends and Mr Michael Gough also took part.

Mr Christopher Headington
Requiem Mass for Mr Christopher Headington, composer, was celebrated yesterday in the Chapel of Bradfield College, Berkshire, by the Rev Denis Mulliner, chaplain, who also gave an address.

Mr Richard Osborne read the lesson. Movements from Mr Headington's *Bradfield Mass* (1978) was performed by Bradfield Schola Cantorum, directed by Mr R.P. Robertson. Mr P.B. Smith, Head Master of the College, was among those present.

Bishop of Woolwich

The Right Rev Colin Buchanan, Vicar, Gillingham St Mark, and Honorary Assistant Bishop, diocese of Rochester, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Woolwich, diocese of Southwark. He succeeds the Right Rev Peter Hall, who retires on August 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.G. Blaxland and Miss A. Rickards
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs John Blaxland, of Holyport, Berkshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr John Rickards, of West Stratton, Hampshire, and Mrs Anthony Ball, of Rockbourne, Hampshire.

Mr P.M. Freeman and Miss C.R. Jones
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Godfrey Freeman, of Puerto Portals, Mallorca, and Ceri, daughter of Professor and Mrs J. Gareth Jones, of Cambridge and York.

Mr R.J. Harvey and Miss V. Jell
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I.R. Harvey, of Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxon, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. Jell, of Aylesford, Kent.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Francis Edward Stuart, the "Old Pretender", London, 1688; James Short, optician and astronomer, Edinburgh, 1710; Gustave Courbet, painter, Ornans, France, 1819; Sir Edwin Arnold, poet and scholar, Gravesend, 1832; Nicholaus Otto, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Holzhausen, Germany, 1832; Andre Derain, painter, Chatou, France, 1880; Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer, Vienna, 1901; Sir Terence Rattigan, dramatist, London, 1911; Judy Garland, film star, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, 1922.

DEATHS: Frederick I, "Barbarossa", Holy Roman Emperor 1152-90, Armenia, 1190; Luis de Camoens, poet, Lisbon, 1580; King George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabrueck, Germany, 1727; Thomas Hearne, antiquary, Oxford, 1735; Andre-Marie Ampère, physicist, Marseilles, 1836; Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1893-1906, at sea, 1906; Pierre Loti, novelist, Hendaye, France, 1923; Giacomo Matteotti, anti-Fascist, murdered, Rome, 1924; Antonio Gaudi, architect, Barcelona, 1926; Frederick Delius, composer, Grez-sur-Loing, 1934; Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of Canada 1911-20, Ottawa, 1937; Jack Johnson, world heavyweight boxing champion 1910-15, North Carolina, 1946; Sigrid Undset, novelist, Nobel laureate 1928, Lillehammer, Norway, 1949; Spencer Tracy, actor, 1967.

Fourteen women and five men were hanged at the end of the witch-hunt trials, Salem, 1692.

The first Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race took place, 1829.

Wagner's opera *Tristan and Isolde* was first performed in Munich, 1865.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Lord Mackay of Clashfern was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists at the fellows' admission ceremony on June 7. Mr Victor Blank was admitted to the Court of Patrons. Others admitted to the fellowship were:

Sir Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health; Professor Ivo Brosens (Belgium); Mr Norman Gant (USA); Professor Lars Hamberger (Sweden); Professor Hong-shao Song (China); and Professor Robert Jaffe (USA). In addition, 112 fellows were admitted in person and 70 *in absentia*.

Marriages

Mr C.J.S. Bower and Mme N.J.M. de Montagnac
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, at Belmont Abbey, Hereford, between Charles, eldest son of Mr J.T.S. Bower, of 16 Caroline Terrace, London SW1, and Mrs S.E. Bulmer, of Poston House, Vowchurch, Herefordshire, and Nicole, daughter of the Count and Countess de Montangon, of the Château de Fontaine, Fontaine La Guyon, Eure et Loir, France.

Mr C.G. Donovan and Mrs B.C. Lucas
A service of blessing took place on June 8, at the Savoy Chapel, after the marriage of Mr Gavin Donovan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Denis Donovan, of Roehampton, to Mrs Belinda Lucas, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Mosely, of Oxford.

The bride was attended by her sons Toby and Giles Lucas. Mr Marcus Scott Manderson was best man.

Mr I.T. Fenwicke-Clennell and Miss E.S. Aykroyd
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, 1996, at St Andrews Church, Aldborough, of Mr Luke Thomas Fenwicke-Clennell, younger son of Mr and Mrs Warren Fenwicke-Clennell, to Miss Emily Sorrel Aykroyd, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Aykroyd. The Rev Paul Spurgeon officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria and George Boughey, Antonia Fenwicke-Clennell, Octavia Pusey, Jack and Poppy Steel and Alice Cooper. Mr Mungo Tennant was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Mr M.A. Hallam and Miss H.R.C. McLean-Tennant
The marriage took place on June 8, at the Parish Church of St Helen, Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire, of Mr Mark Anthony Hallam, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Hallam, of Heanor, Derbyshire, to Miss Holly Ruth Christine McLean-Tennant, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan McLean-Tennant, of Thorneywood, Nottinghamshire. The Rev Reginald Hoye officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Vaughan Hallam was best man.

Mr A. Woolf and Miss V.A. Dix
The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Peter and St Paul, North Curry, Somerset, of Mr Ashley Woolf, son of Mr Lewis Woolf and Mrs Angela Wilson, and Miss Virginia Annabel Dix, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Dix.

The bride was attended by Miss Rachel Woolf and Miss Louise Bowran. Mr Desmond Quilty was best man.

Stamford Endowed Schools

The Governors are delighted to announce that they have appointed Dr Peter Mason to the new post of Principal of the Stamford Endowed Schools. Dr Mason, aged 46, is currently Headmaster of Reading School and will take up his new post in September 1997.

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I shall take you from among the nations, and gather you from every land, and bring you to your homeland.
Ezekiel 36 : 24 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADCOCK - To Kate (née Scales) and James, on 21st May 1996, a son Daniel James, a brother for Joseph.

CHARLTON-JONES - On June 6th, to Kate (née Gorham) and John, a son, Finnian (Finn) James, a brother for Edward and Olivia.

FORDE - On 30th May 1996, to Mary and Ivo, a son, Thomas Mathew James Francis.

FOULKES - On May 28th 1996, to Alexandra (née Holloway) and Nicholas, a son, Maximilian Anton.

GRAHAM-WATSON - On 14th May 1996 at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath to Cato and Frederick, a daughter, Isobel Serena, a sister for Rory, Angus and Tom.

HAMMOND - On 28th May to Antonia (née Barnes) and Adrian, a second beautiful son, Edward, a brother for George.

OLIVER - On May 28th 1996, to Susan (née Millard) and Paul, a son, Angus Michael Yool.

RICHARDS - On 7th June to Valerie (née Reynolds) and Peter, a son, Jack Morley.

DEATHS

BURROWS - Miss Mabel, formerly of Beaconsfield and earlier of Kentish Town, London. Died June 6th in a nursing home at Bromley, Kent, after a long illness. Funeral 19th June. Donations in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Disease Society via Dowes Funeral Directors, 1 Simpsons Road, Bromley. (0181) 460-1888 to whom enquiries about the funeral may be directed.

HAIG - Janet Haig (née Rickett) died peacefully in Edinburgh on June 7th 1996, much loved resident of Bluebells Retirement Home, Joppa. Formerly Matron of Bangour General Hospital, near Edinburgh and of Nakuru Hospital, Kenya. Also mentioned in Dispatches R.A.F. Nursing Service Italy 1944. Funeral on Thursday 13th June to Seafield Crematorium, Edinburgh, where a Service will be held at 2 pm to which all friends are invited. Flowers may be sent to James Scott & Son (Funeral Directors), 314 Portobello High Street, Edinburgh EH15 2DA (0131 669 6333).

HEATH - On June 7th at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst as the result of a stroke. Beryl beloved and most loving wife of Bill aged 83 in the 60th year of their marriage. Funeral at Church of St. Lawrence, Lurgashall, West Sussex on Wednesday 12th June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

HUMPHREY - On 29th May 1996 in Lewisham Hospital, Leonard Humphrey M.B.E., Q.M., aged 91 years. Beloved of Dr. Ita Standen-Rae and son Andrew. Service at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, London W8 at 2.15 pm Friday 14th June followed by interment at Gunnersbury Cemetery. Family flowers or donations if desired to the Hilden Charitable Fund c/o Rodney Hedley, 34 North End Road, W14 0SH. All enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (0171) 937-0767.

LASENBY - On 7th June Prid Lasenby, artist (Slade School of Art) aged 87 years, died very peacefully. Funeral service Friday 14th, 10am at St. Mary's Convent, Chiswick. 0181 994 4641. If desired donations to the Convent please.

MAUDEN - On Thursday, 6th June 1996 Jonathan died peacefully at home, dearest husband of Jane and father of Lucy, Amelia, Edward and Timothy. Cremation private, close family. No flowers but donations gratefully accepted. Cheques payable to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o W.S. Bond Funeral Directors, 127 Fulham Palace Rd W6 8JA.

MILLS - Reginald Arthur of Boot Barn Pottery, Stonefield, died on Tuesday evening June 4th at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral Service at St James the Great, Stonefield, Wednesday 12th June at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief c/o Fisher and Townsend, 81 High Street, Witney. tel: (01993) 702678.

MAYLER - Gordon Hugh Fitzmaurice aged 59 years passed away peacefully at home on 4th June 1996. Dearly beloved husband of Olivia and devoted father of Hugh. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Compton Greenfield, near Bristol, at 2pm on Friday 14th June. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2DU.

NOTON - Peacefully in hospital on June 5th, Beryl. Devoted wife of the late Leslie, loving mother of Richard, mother-in-law of Caroline and grandmother of Charles and Henriette. Funeral Service will take place at St. James' Church, Yarmouth on Friday June 14th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to RNLI Yarmouth c/o Everson FD. Tel: 01983 756753.

DEATHS

PAPWORTH - On 4th June 1996, peacefully at home after an illness carried with dignity and courage. George Ernest Papworth OBE. Dearly loved husband of Kathleen, dear father of Allison and Simon, father-in-law of Denise and grandfather of Stuart and Alastair. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service at St. Andrew's Church, Kingham, Oxfordshire, on Friday 14th June at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for The Training Centre of the London Federation of Youth Clubs, Amersham, c/o A.L. Sole & Son, Bledlow Close, Over Norton, Oxon, OX7 6PP.

PREVOST - Peacefully at Loadhams Nursing Home, Farnham, Surrey, on Thursday 6th June 1996. Constance Charlotte Prevost, daughter of the late Col. George and Alice Prevost, sister of Katharine and Annette, also aunt of Barbara and Glyn Griffith. Funeral Service at St Thomas on-the-Bourne, Farnham, on Friday 14th June 1996 at 1 pm prior to cremation at Aldershot. Donations (in lieu of flowers) to St Thomas on-the-Bourne PCC c/o H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7TP.

SHILLOCK - On 5th June, peacefully, in his 86th year, Cuthbert, dearly loved father of Richard, devoted grandfather of Virginia, Edward and Henry and step-grandfather of Matthew. Funeral private. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford on Thursday 13th June at 12 noon.

STUNT - Anthony Napier on June 8th peacefully at home in his 84th year, much loved uncle of Caroline, Pamela and Gerard. Funeral at All Hallows, South Cerney, 2 pm Wednesday 12th June. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Gloucester Hospital League of Friends. Memorial Service at South Cerney to be announced later.

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Proxy forms if applicable, must be lodged at ICP4G, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP United Kingdom not later than 12 noon on 17 June 1996. In addition, it would be helpful if the statement of claim which must be lodged, to establish that a creditor may be entitled to vote at the meeting is received by the same time.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of ICP4G, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP United Kingdom on 14 June 1996 and 17 June 1996.

Dated 6 June 1996.
By order of the board
G Brown, Director

IN THE CROYDON COUNTY COURT NO 35 of 1996
Notice of appointment of liquidator
Compulsory winding up
Pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 02005102
Company Name: Duncan Concrete Cutting Sws Ltd. Nature of business: Diamond Drillers/Cutters/Pavers. Address of registered office: 65 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1BQ. Type of Liquidation: Compulsory. Liquidator: J R D Smith, 65 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex. Office Holder Nos: 8301. Date of appointment: 12 April 1996.
Signed: J R D Smith
Date: 3 June 1996

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
The Law Debenture Group Limited
Registered number: 02863589.
Trading name(s): As above.
Nature of business: Photographic equipment manufacturer. Trade classification: 3810. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 4 June 1996. Names of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Names of administrative receivers: S R C Hancock, P E Baldwin. Office Holder No.s: 6472, 1813. Address: The Law Debenture Group Limited, 10 Cricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
Facia Footwear Limited: Registered Number: 03091048. Duncan Limited: Registered Number: 03090807. Wenbird Limited: Registered Number: 03149767. Nature of business: Footwear Retailer. Trade classification: 16. Administration Order Made: 5 June 1996. Name: Alan John Barrett. Administrator. Name: Director Action Given. Office holder number: 1095. Office holder number: 107.

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OBITUARIES

PERCY EDWARDS

Percy Edwards, MBE, bird and animal impersonator, died on June 7 aged 88. He was born on June 1, 1908.



A BROADCASTER with a unique talent, Percy Edwards could imitate the calls of more than 600 different types of bird as well as the sounds made by most well-known species of animals. For more than 70 years he delighted radio and television audiences with his skill and, though a distinguished naturalist in his own right, he always saw himself primarily as an entertainer.

It was as a bird impersonator that Edwards became best known. He could yaffle like a woodpecker or mew like a kite, croon like a water rail and boom like a bittern. For many years he beguiled audiences, both in the theatre and on the air, with the fluting music of the nightingale or the blackbird's piping song. He toured the music-halls alongside such great entertainers as George Robey, Max Miller and Charles Coburn, bringing the tunes from marsh and meadow, mountain and moorland, to urban ears.

Edwards could even imitate the cock capercaillie, Britains largest game bird, whose courtship song is one of the strangest sounds in the avian world. Its call begins with a resonant rattle, continues with a sound like drawing a cork and pouring liquid out of a narrow-necked bottle, and ends with a knife-grinding scrape.

But Edwards's mimicry was not limited to birds. When Laurence Olivier produced *The Rhinoceros*, Edwards was called upon to do the pachydermatous puffing. He was celebrated for his role as Gregory the chicken in the BBC series *Ray's A Laugh* and Psyche the dog in the series *Life of Bliss*. In the cinema he was the voice of the whale in *Orca: Killer Whale*, of the reindeer in *Santa Claus*, of the wolves in *A Company of Wolves* and in *Alien* he made the sounds for the monster. "I had to gargle for a week after that job," he said.

Percy Edwards first discovered his Doctor Dolittle-type talent for talking like the animals when he was seven. His brother had taken him to Rushmere Heath, near Ipswich, and he was dozing under the trees when he heard what he thought was a wolf-whistle. It was some time before he realised that the call came not from a person but a bird in the branches above him. It was a greenfinch, he later discovered, a sociable creature whose extensive vocabulary includes a canary-like "tsooeet" and a nasal "tsweee".

For several weeks afterwards Edwards kept hearing this greenfinch and found that, with practice, he could imitate its twittering medley of calls. When the bird came into his garden one day he called to it direct. "It swooped towards me, the bright yellow bars of its outstretched wings flashing," Edwards recalled. "Then it landed on a low branch, staring at me and anxiously calling back."

Shortly after that Edwards thought he heard a starling talking to him. "Percy, it's you," the starling seemed to say. Though he was too shy to tell anyone this story until he wrote his book *Meet Me at Dawn*, Edwards began from then on practising mimicry based on what was to become a characteristic phonetic spelling out of birds' calls. He would eat canary seed before going to bed, he said, in the hopes that he would awake in the morning singing like a bird.

He first went on the stage when he was 12. It was a charity concert put on by his local church. All the other boys were going to sing, but Percy entertained the audience with the sounds of rooks, ducks and chickens instead. His listeners clamoured for more.

Leaving school, Edwards took a job as a ploughmaker, but also began performing at concerts in music-halls in his spare time. Then in 1929, laid off from his trade, he went to work for the BBC at Savoy Hill.

Radio audiences first heard him when he appeared in the series *Vaudeville* in 1930, recorded at Savoy Hill. He went on to appear regularly on the BBC, often with other bird-watching television personalities, most notably Max Miller and Eric Morecambe. Edwards became a household name after his animal imitations in the radio shows *Ray's A Laugh* and *Life of Bliss*. He played a dog with a Suffolk accent for Hinge and Brackett, and at other times he was called upon to imitate creatures as diverse as mountain lion, mule and grizzly bear. By the time he finally retired in 1989, after a nearly sixty-year career as an animal mimic, he had made hundreds of broadcasts for the BBC.

He also appeared regularly in cinema, although, he said, he was rarely credited, because film-makers were coy about owning up to the use of an animal impressionist. But his voice can be heard in such films as *The Belstone Fox* and *The Dark Crystal*.

Edwards never stopped adding to his repertoire of bird and animal sounds. It was a never-ending task, he used to say. The chaffinch, for example, one of Britain's most common birds, has 13 different calls in addition to its song. Even its young have two different types of begging call, one before they fledge and one after.

However, though among Britain's native songbirds the starling is the most gifted mimic, it was for the tiny wren that Edwards felt most affection. Being only 5ft 6in himself, he had a fellow-feeling for this bird, he said. "The wren compensates for its size by having a voice that can be heard from a considerable distance. Perhaps that is one reason why I have spent so much of my life learning to whistle."

Edwards was a gentle, unassuming and soft-spoken man. He was particularly good at explaining things to children and was able to talk to them on their level. He always emphasised, too, that he had no power over the birds he seemed to speak to. "They sing because they think a rival is on their territory," he explained.

Edwards retired in 1989 and in 1993 he was appointed MBE for his services to ornithology and entertainment.

Throughout his life he lived in Suffolk, in earlier years in a terraced house in Ipswich, later in a more rural home. When he and his wife first moved to the country their garden there was little more than an acre of cold, inhospitable ground. They planted a small wood and all the varieties of shrub which British birds most love. Every spring all 30 of the nestboxes which they placed there would be inhabited.

Percy Edwards is survived by his wife Ciceley, and their two sons.

MAX FACTOR JR

Francis "Max" Factor Jr, make-up artist and cosmetics company executive, died in Los Angeles, California, on June 7 aged 91. He was born in St Louis, Missouri, in 1904.



Factor tests a lotion formula on a model, 1950

FACES were green in Hollywood before Max Factor and his father came on the scene. But the Factors came to the aid of the verdant stars of the 1930s. They invented pancake make-up, a beauty aid that prevented actors from appearing green in Technicolor. It was the start of a revolution which was to change the faces of women all over the world, and make a tidy fortune for its originators.

Improving on nature was a family tradition. Factor's father, also named Max, had been private cosmetician to the Tsar of Russia before, in 1904, ominous stormclouds began to gather over St Petersburg. Perhaps sensing that a peasant revolution would provide few opportunities to practise his art, the elder Factor decamped to America with his pregnant wife.

A chemist by training, Factor Sr set up shop in St Louis, and four years later moved with his wife and young son to Los Angeles where he opened a theatrical make-up and wig business. With Hollywood about to become the film capital of the world, this proved a wise move, and young Francis joined his father in the shop as soon as he had completed his own education as a chemist.

But it was not until almost thirty years later that the name of Factor was to become a legend. Impressed by the properties of the new pancake make-up, actors began taking it home and sharing it with their wives and friends. Factor's father was nearing the end of his life (he died in 1938) but he was quick to see the commercial potential of the new product. He began to put it into mass production, and soon every woman could buy the same cosmetics that adorned the faces of the stars. And they did, in their millions. Factor was to become, quite literally, the name which appeared on millions of women's lips.

On the death of his father, Francis Factor changed his name to "Max" and assumed joint leadership of Max Factor and Co with his brother, Davis. He continued to innovate, producing Tru-Color lipstick in 1940, which was claimed to be the first product of its kind which would not smear or change colour. As living billboards for the Factor company's products, Max enlisted the aid of the most glamorous faces of Hollywood's peak era. Lana Turner, Rita Hayworth and Marlene Dietrich were among a host of female stars willing to admit that they wore Max Factor cosmetics both on and off the screen.

Factor and his brother sold the company in 1973, and it is now owned by Procter & Gamble.

He is survived by a son.

DON GROLNICK

Don Grolnick, jazz pianist, composer and arranger, died of non-Hodgkinson's lymphoma in New York on June 1 aged 48. He was born in Brooklyn on September 23, 1947

CHRISTIAN HIM



ALTHOUGH Don Grolnick's name was less well-known than his long-term musical partners, the Brecker Brothers, he was an essential ingredient in the development of their innovative blend of jazz, rock and funk. Not only was he the keyboard player on their first records, but their first hit, *Sneaking up the Alley*, from 1975, was largely a Grolnick composition and he wrote several others among their best-known pieces.

The wider public would also have been aware of Grolnick's work without knowing it, since for almost 20 years he was the musical director, arranger and keyboard player for the singer James Taylor. Their association ended only two years ago when Grolnick decided to focus more on his jazz work.

In this Grolnick was, in what proved to be the short time available to him, remarkably successful. The band he brought to Britain for a Contemporary Music Network tour early last year was an outstanding ensemble. It included both Brecker brothers, Mike and Randy, as well as the trombonist Robin Eubanks and the drummer Peter Erskine. Their Queen Elizabeth Hall concert reached a wider public through a Radio 3 recording broadcast last May.

Grolnick grew up in the Long Island model development Levittown. Initially he studied philosophy at Tufts. But although he had taken the piano seriously, being taught by Ray Thompson, it was not until he met the saxophonist Michael Brecker at a Notre Dame University student jazz competition in 1967 that he decided to focus full-time on music. He joined Brecker in the pioneering group Dreams, which also included the trumpeter Randy Brecker and the guitarist John Abercrombie.

In the early 1970s, it became clear that Randy Brecker was experimenting with a new style of arrangement that combined the rapid articulation of hard-bop brass and wind playing with the rhythms of soul and funk music. "We'd jam at Don Grolnick's house," recalled Mike Brecker, "and (saxophonist) Dave Sanborn would come along, and we were aware that Randy had written something quite unique."

In a largely coincidental set of circumstances, the Brecker Brothers, including Grolnick and Sanborn, made their first records for the newly formed Arista label. The label's owner, Clive Davis, suggested that they start with a single release, rather than (as most jazz artists would normally do) an album. This was an inspired idea and caught the mood of the times, propelling the group to success. Grolnick worked with the Brecker Brothers for much of the period from 1975 until 1982, when they decided to break up the band.

During this time he was also in demand as a session and studio player for a wide range of musicians, including Steely Dan, Roberta Flack, Carly Simon and George Benson, as well as beginning his association with James Taylor. His jazz work also continued, and he joined the vibes player Mike Mainieri in the pioneering group Steps, as well as making an album, *Still Warm*, in 1985 with the former Miles Davis guitarist John Scofield. This led to what was, surprisingly, the first album under Grolnick's own name: *Hearts and Numbers* in 1986, followed up by two immensely successful releases for Blue Note in 1989 and 1992.

At the time of his British tour last year, he had made the decision to cease touring with James Taylor, to abandon the lucrative but relatively mindless writing and recording of TV jingles, and to focus on composition and leading his own bands. The jingles, he maintained, kept going round in his head, preventing him from composing: "I needed more silence in my life."

At the time of his death he had completed another album, *Medianoche*, for Warner Brothers, which will be released in August.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne O'Connor.

CAPTAIN MIKE HARVEY

Captain Mike Harvey, Colditz Castle "ghost", died on May 17 aged 82. He was born on September 29, 1913.



MIKE HARVEY was captured in the Second World War, and imprisoned in Colditz where he had a remarkable experience. He and his friend Flight-Lieutenant Jack Best were concealed for more than 11 months within the castle walls without the knowledge of their captors. They were known as the "Ghosts of Colditz".

Officially Harvey had escaped on April 5, 1943, after the unsuccessful Anglo-Dutch escape of two prisoners who were caught, close to success, in the German part of the castle in German officers' uniform at the final security checkpoint. The Germans were incensed and confusion followed. Harvey and Best went into a pre-prepared hide and at the ensuing roll-call the Germans discovered they were missing and believed them to have escaped in a similar manner to the two escapers whom they had caught. The Germans accepted the situation and reported the fact to the German Army Headquarters in Berlin. From then on, the "ghosts" could perform their intended function, which was to stand in for an escaper on roll-calls, to give him time to get clear of the region before the general alarm went out.

Edward Michael Harvey joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in 1927. He then served on the China station, and shortly before the outbreak of war, joined the submarine service. He was appointed First Lieutenant of the submarine *Undine* which in the early months of the war was on patrol off Norway and in the German and Danish coastal area close to Heligoland. The region was closely surveyed by strong enemy air forces, and in addition, the Germans had covered the seabed with electronic monitoring devices against the penetration of enemy submarines.

It was on January 7, 1940, off Heligoland, that *Undine* attacked and fired torpedoes at German minesweepers, which missed. She was then herself heavily attacked with depth-charges by enemy anti-submarine vessels. Severely damaged and disabled, she was forced to the surface and was scuttled by the crew. It was at this point that a sailor, who was unable to swim, was saved by Harvey's prompt action. For this he was awarded the Royal Humane Society certificate and bronze medal after the war. Harvey and nearly all the crew of 29 officers and men were picked up by the Germans and became prisoners of war.

They were sent to the German Navy's prison camp of Marlag und Milag Nord at Sandborstel. Here, in due course, Harvey's name was registered by the German authorities as an escaper and troublemaker, which in the autumn of 1942 led to his transfer to the Sonderlager Colditz Oflag IVC. In a community of habitual escapers, Harvey, decided that he would make a firm contribution for the benefit of his fellow-prisoners, and that is how he became a "ghost". He and his partner remained in hiding, day and night, for one week short of a year. In the meantime, they provided cover on several occasions, one of which was the escape attempt of Giles Romilly, a relation of Winston Churchill.

At last, both Harvey and Best, duty done, decided to escape themselves. In his attempt, Harvey was caught just outside the castle walls. This led to the identification and recapture of both "ghosts". It was a great embarrassment to the Kommandant now having to admit to the German High Command in Berlin that Harvey and Best had been in the camp all that time. They refused to believe the story.

"Harvey and Best must have escaped, then finding conditions outside too difficult, they returned to the castle of their own accord," they said, and sent a high official to investigate. The camp Kommandant was not amused. He told his security officer: "What do they think this place is? A damned hotel, where people come and go as they wish?"

Harvey had been a "ghost" for 352 days. It was a long arduous task which he endured for the benefit of others, but that was his character. He obviously could not be charged with escaping — he had not even left the castle. Instead the Kommandant decided it appropriate to charge him with " being absent from 1,326 roll-calls including three Gestapo Appells", for which he received a sentence of 28 days.

He remained in Colditz until the castle was relieved by American forces at the end of the war. He resumed his naval career as a regular officer in a cruiser on the West Indies station, followed by an appointment in 1946 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander as captain of the frigate *St Austell Bay*. After his promotion to the rank of Commander he took up an appointment of the Boys' Training Establishment, *HMS St Vincent*. This was followed by a Naval Staff course. After he had been promoted Captain in December 1954, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Royal Navy Air station *HMS Blackcap*.

He retired from the Navy in 1957 and joined the manufacturing company Glynwed International. He served there for the next 18 years, and was finally appointed to the main board.

Among his interests he enjoyed landscape painting but above all he never lost his love of the sea, and sailed extensively in the waters around Britain. He became chairman of the project organisation known as "The Norfolk Boat", and together with the Ocean Youth Club they bought a 72ft sailing yacht called *Spirit of Boadicea*, which was run for the benefit of the young of Norfolk.

He married June (née Simpson) in 1946 and is survived by her, a son and three daughters.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev John Cowburn, Curate-in-charge, Christchurch, St George (Winchester): to be Chaplain, Diocesan Council with Deaf People (Lichfield).

The Rev Ann Easter, Assistant Curate (NSM), Forest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross: to be also Assistant Area Dean of Newham (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Goodburn, RN Chaplain, Portsmouth: to be Vicar, Luton, St Saviour (St Albans).

The Rev Malcolm Griffin, Vicar, Madeley: to be Vicar, *Fulford in Stone* w Hilderstone (Lichfield).

The Rev David Hague, Assistant Curate, Luton, St Mary: to be Vicar, Stevenage, St Peter, Broadwater (St Albans).

The Rev Victor Howlett, Hon Curate, St Matthew w St Nathanael, Kingsdown and St Michael and All Angels, Bishopston: to be Curate to the benefice and parish of Greater Corsham (Bristol).

The Rev Grahame Humphries, Norfolk Churches Radio Officer and Priest-in-charge, Bawdswell and Foxley (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, Mayfield and Area Local Ministry Adviser (Lichfield).

The Rev Keith Jukes, Team Rector, Cannock and Vicar, Hatherton, held in plurality (Lichfield): to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev Charles Maiden, Associate Priest, St Helen, Selston w St Mary, Westwood: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints', Huthwaite (Southwell).

The Rev James Makepeace, Team Rector, Tettenhall Regis and Rural Dean of Trysull (Lichfield): to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.

The Rev David Munchin, Assistant Curate, Golders Green, St Alban and St Michael (London): to be Precentor of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban (St Albans).

The Rev Roy Pearson, Vicar, All Hallows', Tottenham and Area Dean of East Harringey (London): to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral.

The Rev Dr Mark Powell, Vicar, Exhall, St Giles (Coventry): to be Vicar, Leavesden (St Albans).

The Rev Jemima Prasadam, Assistant Curate, All Saints', Luton (St Albans): to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul and St Silas, Lozells (Birmingham).

The Rev John Robinson, Assistant Curate, Meole Brace Holy Trinity: to be Rector, Baschurch and Weston Lullingfield w Hordley (Lichfield).

The Rev Rodney Smith, Priest-in-charge, Sneinton, St Matthias: to be Vicar, Sneinton, St Matthias (Southwell).

The Rev Paul Tarling, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Walford and St John's: All Saints', Bishopswood; St Giles, Goodrich; St Matthew, Marstow; St Margaret, Welsh Bicknor: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Kington; St Thomas à Becket, Huntington; St Stephen, Old Radnor; St Mary, Kinnerton; St Michael and All Angels, Knill (Hereford).

The Rev Graham Taylor, Assistant Curate (NSM), Pickering: to be Assistant Curate (stipendiary), Whitby (York).

The Rev Michael Thompson, Hon Assistant, Christ Church, Hampstead and St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield (London): to be Vicar, Sneinton, St Stephen w St Alban (Southwell).

The Rev Margaret Williams: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Saviour, Westcliff (Chelmsford).

The Rev Richard Williams, Curate-in-charge, St Matthias, Canning Town: to be Vicar, St Saviour, Westcliff (Chelmsford).

Resignations and retirements

Prebendary Robert Colby, Rector, St Mary, Edvin Loach; St James, Tedstone Delamere; St Michael, Upper Sapey; St Andrew, Wolferlow; St John, Whitbourne (Hereford): to retire early September and then be appointed Prebendary Emeritus.

The Rev Glenys Lloyd, Resident Minister, Childs Ercal and Stoke on Tern, in the benefice of Cheswardine, Childs Ercal, Hales, Hinstock and Sambrook (Lichfield): has retired on grounds of ill health.

THE POPE'S LIFE IN THE VATICAN

SETTING A PRECEDENT

(From Our Milan Correspondent)

Some interesting particulars have now come to light of the private life of Pope Pius XI in the Vatican. Whenever a new Pope is made, there is always a curiosity to know how he is adapting himself to his voluntary seclusion, and what habits he preserves of his previous life. Of the present Pope one can say that he confirms the opinion held by all those who knew him well and used to admire his austerity and simplicity. His Holiness has chosen for his private apartments seven rooms on the third floor overlooking the Piazza San Pietro. These are furnished with the greatest simplicity, there being no carpets, no curtains and no sign of luxury. In the bed-room there is a brass bedstead, above which hangs a picture of The Madonna of the God Counsel; a mahogany chest of drawers, a small writing desk and a cabinet in which his Holiness keeps his private papers. In his study there is a large writing table, with a crucifix standing upon it. No books or reviews are to be seen. The Pope lives entirely isolated in his private apartments, where no guard is on duty either during the day or at night. Nobody sleeps near him. He has three servants, who take turns daily in waiting upon him. But he is particularly looked after by an old woman, whose introduction into the Vatican broke a long tradition, and aroused no little criticism among the Pope's entourage. This woman, commonly called La Signora Linda, who is now over sixty years of age, had been for forty years the faithful maid and companion of the mother of the Pope. She was an orphan, and Signora Ratti took her out of a convent when still a girl. When Signora Ratti died, Linda, being alone, re-entered a convent; but when Cardinal Ratti came to Milan as Archbishop of the diocese he recalled her and made her his housekeeper. A few months later, the Archbishop was elected Pope, and Linda was on the point of returning to the convent when a telegram arrived from Rome ordering her to go and live at the Vatican. The decision of Pius XI met with the respectful resistance of the Cardinals. "A woman in the Vatican. Your Holiness!" (it was remarked to him). "None of your predecessors has ever done such a thing." "Well," was the reply, "we will set a precedent for our successors!" The result is that Signora Linda lives now in the Vatican on the third floor of the wing looking towards Montemario. Her official title is Mistress of the Wardrobe and every day she orders the Pope's extremely frugal meals.

"THE TIMES"

THE NEW SECTION

Now that *The Times* has resumed pre-war dimensions, it is necessary for the convenience of readers, who find it difficult to handle such very large newspapers, to revert to the practice of delivering the journal to its readers in sections. In the centre, therefore, will be found a section which will consist mainly of the *Court Circular*, social movements, literature, amusements and illustrations. *The Times* is now practically two journals and can, therefore, as formerly, be read by two members of the household at the same time.

ON THIS DAY

June 10, 1922

Pope Pius XI was orderly in his habits and liked a clear desk, but the Cardinals did not much care for his housekeeper being La Signora Linda, even if she were elderly

NEWS

Britain may be frozen out by EU

■ An emotional attack on London by Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, raised the pressure in the beef war yesterday and cast vivid light on the way John Major's obstruction campaign over beef is fuelling Continental ideas for sidelining Britain in a new-look European Union.

Up to 100 Tory backbenchers are expected to exploit deteriorating relations with Brussels by backing a Bill calling for a referendum on Britain's future in Europe. Tory Eurosceptics were incensed by Mr Santer's intervention**Page 1**

Unionist threat to peace talks

■ Unionists are threatening to disrupt all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland in protest at the appointment of George Mitchell, the former US Senator and close ally of President Clinton, as the overall chairman..... **Pages 1, 2**

Passengers stranded

Ninety one British holidaymakers were left at Orlando airport with just their hand luggage after refusing to board a flight home when some claimed to see smoke coming from the plane's air conditioning. Those left, including some children, spent the night in the departure lounge and were told they would have to pay for their flights home ..... **Page 1**

Fans praised

Only 44 fans were arrested in football-related incidents in London on Saturday, fewer than for the average FA Cup Final. The first Euro 96 matches were played with good will between fans and low-key policing. Police praised English and Swiss supporters ..... **Pages 4, 25**

Ambulance service

An NHS trust ambulance made a 2,850-mile round trip to carry a patient home from hospital in Spain and charged less than half the price of a London taxi for the job ..... **Page 3**

Rescue fails

A vain attempt to save the life of a boy trapped in a quarry under sand and rubble nearly cost the lives of four rescuers ..... **Page 3**

School selections

Plans to allow all grant-maintained schools to select up to 50 per cent of their pupils by aptitude are expected to be approved this week ..... **Page 7**

Towering disgrace

The Tower of London's setting is a disgrace, says Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage. He wants about £100 million of Lottery money for a road under it ..... **Page 8**

Pilots black out

An alarmingly high number of jet fighter pilots experience momentary black-outs under extreme conditions ..... **Page 9**

Less anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism in Britain has declined and a wave of anti-Semitism that was a feature of the late 1980s and early 1990s throughout Europe has peaked, according to a report ..... **Page 10**

Communists rally

To marching bands and mini-skirted cheerleaders, Russia's communists made a final attempt to inject some colour into their presidential campaign..... **Page 11**

Race hate arson

As another distraught black minister surveyed the charred wreckage of his church, President Clinton promised to do all in his power to end arson attacks on Southern black churches inspired by racial hatred..... **Page 12**

Dissident freed

Ren Wanding, known to many as the father of China's human rights movement, was released from prison after completing a seven year sentence..... **Page 13**

Fair play tempers birthday exhibition

■ Intelligent, courageous, with a strong sense of fair play but a dangerously short fuse. The 1938 school report on the 17-year-old captures the character of the youth who was to become the Duke of Edinburgh. On his 75th birthday today, he will be confronted with the assessment when he accompanies the Queen to open an exhibition of his life in Windsor..... **Page 7**

TONY WHITE



Kate Wingham walks a pack of poodles before Battersea Dogs' Home's annual show and fair in Battersea Park yesterday

BUSINESS

Nuclear float: The British Energy flotation has run into more controversy with the company predicting that it will pay out a bumper £100 million dividend to shareholders in the first year ..... **Page 48**

Dock dispute: Accountant KPMG is being sued for £3 million by former employees of Medway ports over alleged negligence in assessing the value of the company's shares..... **Page 48**

DTI reforms: The Government is launching a shake-up of its support services for businesses in an attempt improve the country's industrial skills base..... **Page 48**

Do It All: W H Smith is prepared to pay Boots, its joint-venture partner, up to £50 million to exit Do It All, the DIY company ..... **Page 48**

ARTS

Calling the shots: Sting takes time out from his career as a rock star to release his tenth film, *The Grotesque*. Only this time, it is a movie he can truly call his own... **Page 18**

Raising questions: The latest Royal Fine Art Commission award ignites an old argument about the commission itself. Is it a group of architects and insiders making approving noises about each other's designs? ..... **Page 18**

Fine festival: The sun may not have been blazing, but the Celtic music certainly was at the Fleadh in Finsbury Park..... **Page 18**

Glyndebourne hit: Graham Vick's glorious production of Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* is given a wonderful revival at Glyndebourne..... **Page 19**

FEATURES

Kremlin wives: When the reclusive and homely Naina Yeltsin appeared on Russian television chatting candidly about life in the President's household, a small piece of history was in the making. Richard Beeston reports.... **Page 15**

Personally speaking: Day one of a new series in which top writers talk about the ups and downs of family life: Bel Mooney on the importance of family values; Magnus Linklater on living through his son's mental torment; Libby Purves on staying in touch..... **Pages 16, 17**

MIND AND MATTER

Pump action: Jeremy Laurance meets Sir Magdi Yacoub as he completes Harefield Hospital's 2,000th heart transplant ... **Page 14**

SPORT

Football: Surprisingly, the England players were given two days off after their lacklustre start to the European championship at Wembley on Saturday..... **Page 25**

Racing: Despite Shaanit's fairy-tale win on Saturday, trainers and bookmakers seem united in a wish to see the Derby move back to its traditional Wednesday ..... **Page 36**

Cricket: Michael Atherton, the captain, was 53 not out when England completed a welcome eight-wicket win over India in the first Test at Edgbaston..... **Page 31**

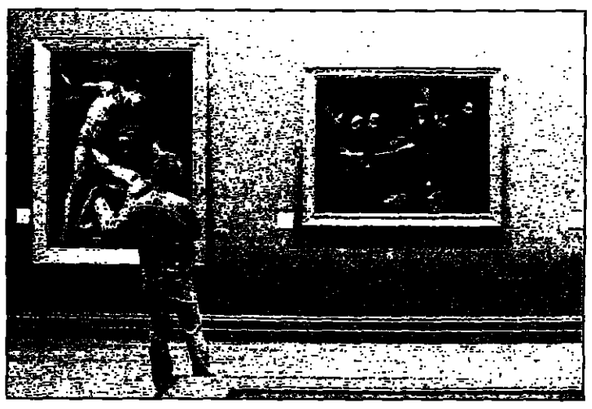
Athletics: Today is the fifteenth anniversary of Sebastian Coe's world record 800-metre run in Florence, a performance so remarkable that the record still stands ..... **Page 35**

Tennis: Yevgeny Kafelnikov became the first Russian to win a grand slam singles title when he beat Michael Stich, of Germany, 7-6, 7-5, 7-6 in the French final in Paris yesterday..... **Page34**

Golf: A dropped stroke at the final hole cost Colin Montgomerie his chance of victory in the Alamo English Open, won by Robert Allenby, of Australia..... **Page 35**

LOTTERY NUMBERS

32, 15, 17, 11, 25, 46. Bonus 29. Two winners scooped £4,907,708 each. Twenty-three matched five numbers plus the bonus ball to win £131,309 each and about 1,139 won £1,657 by getting five numbers.



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ DUBLIN'S PRIDE
The National Gallery of Ireland shows off its multi-million-pound facelift to the world

■ AULD ENEMIES
England v Scotland matches remembered: The Thistle and the Rose, part two

TV LISTINGS

Preview: An episode of *Minder* inspired David Yallop to write *An Independent Man: The First Loser* (ITV, 9.00pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss discovers a drama with wobbly foundations..... **Page 41**

OPINION

Hour of truth

If the whole of Europe will be ill-served by a single currency, then John Major should say so at the IGC..... **Page 21**

Millennium momentum

Unless the leadership required is shown now then all the bright hopes for a confident start to the next millennium will be replaced by a sense of frustration at another opportunity fumbled..... **Page 21**

Grave questions

If Mr Netanyahu capitulates, he will halt excavations that have more historic importance than those in almost any other part of the world..... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Government may have to decide whether to allow the BBC to merge with a commercial partner to become part of a major world communications company. I suspect John Birt's gamble will bring to an end the BBC as we have known it..... **Page 20**

MATTHEW PARRIS

Here are some of the things I missed, ignored, or never really heard, from child to middle-aged man. Almost the whole of school. Frank Sinatra. The Algerian war. Girls..... **Page 20**

OBITUARIES

Percy Edwards, bird and animal impersonator; **Max Factor Jr**, make-up artist and cosmetics company executive; **Don Grolnick**, jazz pianist, composer and arranger; **Captain Mike Harvey**, "Ghost of Colditz" ..... **Page 23**

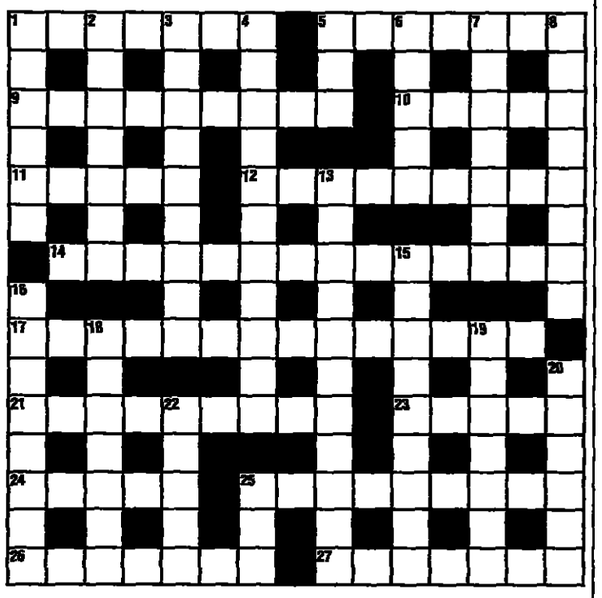
LETTERS

Adultery and divorce; reform of penal system; make-up of juries; lords of the manor ..... **Page 21**

THE PAPERS

China conducts its nuclear tests with brazen impudence. Where the French tried to excuse themselves, the Chinese simply set off nuclear explosions without asking anyone for permission. — La Repubblica

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ACROSS

1 Prepare in advance, being not a full member (7).
5 Quickly grab music on way to city (5,2).
9 Thus ran into half-back now and then (9).
10 Game in which sportsman ultimately enters large circle (5).
11 He has to admit retired engineers (5).
12 About to cut the pleat in several parts (9).
14 Insignificant type of thief, one who takes pictures (14).
17 Officer gives order, and equals put it out (8,6).
21 It's not permitted, oddly, in Bedford (9).
23 Frame of mind at finally leaving natural home (5).
24 Approximate points recorded after game (5).
25 Baton initially chosen by English conductor (9).
26 Use piece of sturdy ash, making cover for clock (7).
27 Met challenge of equipment and came first (7).

DOWN

1 Endless commotion upset no-one in coalition (6).
2 Language in book hard to follow (7).
3 For example, insect non-U fellow found on old seed-case (9).
4 Relative with the offensive weapon taken outside? Say nothing! (4,3,4).
5 Island's damage limitation? (3).
6 Story about bishop's fellow-diners (5).
7 Male soldier on campaign given what sounds like foul accommodation (3-4).
8 Stimulating people it's less usual to find in pairs (8).
13 Glorious soldiers exhausted containing advance (11).
15 Unemotional way to get involved in a call-up (9).
16 Exercise quite effectively (8).
18 Appropriately treats rotten old sprout? (7).
19 Involve little sibling in climbing tree (7).
20 Accompany and listen carefully (6).
22 Part of canal in Troy, as Virgil reported it? (5).
25 The Spanish king's deer (3).

ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,189 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Coltishall, Norfolk, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Hebrides, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Strathclyde, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 14.2hr.

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FORECAST

☐ General: cloudy with warm spells.

England and Wales for the most part will have a dry, sunny day. In the North West there will be rather more cloud and may be the odd spot of rain at times. In southeastern counties the sunshine will be rather hazy as thin cloud spreads in from the North West.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain. The rain will be heavy at times, particularly over the hills and on exposed western coasts. Winds will be light to moderate and mainly from the southwest.

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, Central N England: dry and sunny, the sunshine rather hazy for the most part. Wind southwesterly, light to moderate. Max 23C (73F).

☐ W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales: rather cloudy but generally dry. Wind moderate, south to southwesterly. Max 19C (66F).

☐ NW England, Lake District, NE England: cloudy with occasional rain. Wind moderate, southwesterly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: cloudy with outbreaks of rain, locally heavy at times. Wind moderate, southwesterly. Max 17C (63F).

☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: rather cloudy with occasional rain, mainly light. Wind moderate, southwesterly. Max 17C (63F).

☐ NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: cloudy with rain, heavy at times. Wind moderate, southwesterly. Max 14C (57F).

☐ Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: wet in the North and West, dry and warm in the South East.

☐ Pollen forecast: low in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and London; low to moderate in northern and southwest England; moderate in East Anglia; moderate to high in Midlands, Wales, and the South East.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.9	-	16	61	c	Leeds	13.4	-	23	73	s
Anglesey	4.6	0.01	15	59	c	Lerwick	7.4	0.01	12	54	c
Aspatria	6.8	-	18	64	b	Leuchars	4.1	-	19	66	b
Aviemore	2.1	0.01	19	66	c	Littlehmptn	9.4	-	17	63	b
Belfast	0.3	0.07	15	59	r	London	11.2	0.01	22	72	s
Birmingham	12.1	0.01	21	70	s	Lowestoft	5.8	0.02	19	66	s
Bognor R	10.0	-	17	63	s	Manchester	9.2	0.01	19	66	s
Bournem'th	10.1	-	18	64	s	Margate	8.3	0.16	22	72	s
Bristol	10.9	-	19	66	s	Minehead	7.2	-	17	63	b
Buxton	11.5	-	19	66	s	Morecambe	11.1	0.01	19	66	s
Cardiff	9.3	-	18	64	s	Norwich	8.1	0.01	23	73	s
Clacton	X					Penzance	X	0.05	15	59	sh
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	10.3	-	19	66	s
Colwyn Bay	5.5	0.03	18	64	r	Prestatyn	X	0.04	17	63	r
Cromer	6.1	0.01	23	73	s	Ross-o-wye	8.0	-	19	66	b
Dunbar	5.6	-	19	66	b	Ryde	11.4	0.01	19	66	s
Eastbourne	9.6	0.09	17	63	s	Salcombe	9.8	-	15	59	s
Edinburgh	2.8	0.01	17	63	c	Sandown	9.7	-	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	7.8	0.01	16	61	s	Seaham Srvd	5.0	-	18	64	b
Exmouth	8.4	-	20	68	b	Scarboro'	14.2	-	21	70	s
Falmouth	2.8	-	15	59	c	Shanklin	10.8	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	4.3	0.04	14	57	r	Shrewsbury	9.5	0.01	19	66	r
Folkestone	9.1	0.38	18	64	s	Skegness	9.0	-	21	70	s
Glasgow	1.2	0.01	16	61	c	Southend	X				
Guernsey	10.8	-	19	66	s	Southport	6.8	0.01	17	63	s
Hastings	9.8	0.21	18	61	s	Southsea	11.0	-	1864		
Hayling I.	11.1	0.02	18	61	s	Stornoway	2.1	0.10	11	52	r
Herne Bay	X					Swanage	11.0	-	16	61	s
Hove	9.9	-	17	63	s	Teignmouth	8.9	-	17	63	b
Hunstanton	X	-	23	73	s	Tiree	1.0	0.40	12	54	r
Ilfracombe	X					Torquay	8.2	-	17	63	s
Isle of Man	X					Ventnor	10.6	-	18	64	s
Jersey	12.6	-	22	72	s	West-s-mare	9.0	-	19	66	du
Kinloss	1.0	0.07	17	63	r	Weymouth	9.9	0.01	15	59	s

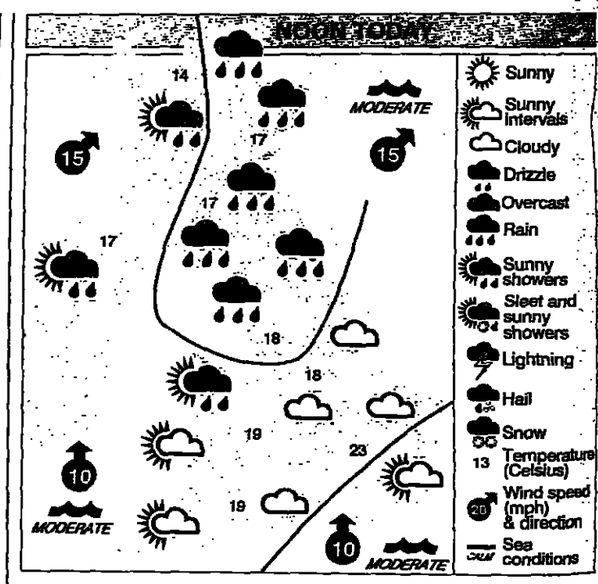
ABROAD

Alaccio	26	79	f	Corfu	31	88	s	Majorca	28	84	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	C'phagn	22	72	c	Malaga	24	75	s
Alex'dria	30	86	c	Dublin	13	55	f	Malta	28	79	f
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Faro	23	73	s	Mexico C	X		
Athens	33	91	s	Florence	30	86	s	Miami	32	90	s
B Aires	14	57	s	Frankfurt	25	77	s	Milan	31	88	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Montreal	15	59	fg
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	22	72	f	Moscow	19	66	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	23	73	f	Munich	25	77	f
Barcelona	24	75	s	Helsinki	23	73	f	N Delhi	25	77	r
Beirut	26	79	s	Hong K	31	88	c	N York	29	84	s
Belgrade	32	90	c	Innsbruck	26	82	s	Nairobi	18	64	c
Berlin	28	82	s	Istanbul	27	81	s	Naples	27	81	f
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	25	77	s
Biarritz	24	75	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	21	70	s
Barde'x	27	81	f	L Angels	21	70	s	Paris	23	73	s
Brussels	17	63	c	L Palmas	24	75	f	Peking	32	90	s
Budapst	31	88	s	La Tqust	17	63	s	Perth	19	66	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	23	73	s	Prague	25	77	f
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	28	82	s	Reykjavik	12	54	f
Ch'church	X			Luxembg	24	75	f	Rhodes	28	79	s
Chicago	14	57	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	24	75	f
Cologne	24	75	f	Madrid	27	81	s	Riyadh	43	109	s

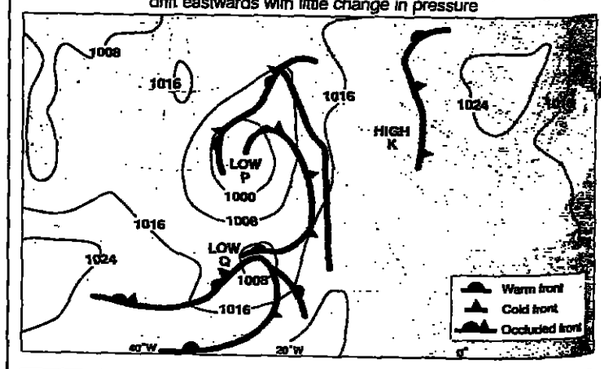
Rome	28	84	s	Stockhlm	21	70	s	Vienna	29	84	s
S Fr'isco	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	26	79	t	Warsaw	31	88	s
S Paulo	X			Sydney	15	59	s	Wash'ton	31	88	s
Salzburg	27	81	s	Tangier	27	81	s	Wel'ngton	X		
Santiago	16	61	c	Tel Aviv	30	86	s	Zurich	25	77	s
Seoul	28	82	f	Tenerife	25	77	f				
Sing'por	X			Tokyo	21	70	f				
St'kholm	X			Toronto	17	63	c				
Strasb'rg	26	79	t	Tunis	28	82	s				
Sydney	15	59	s	Valencia	26	79	s				
Tangier	27	81	s	Vanc'ver	19	66	s				
Tel Aviv	30	86	s	Venice	29	84	s				
Tenerife	25	77	f	Vienna	29	84	s				
Tokyo	21	70	f	Warsaw	31	88	s				
Toronto	17	63	c	Wash'ton	31	88	s				
Tunis	28	82	s	Wel'ngton	X						
Valencia	26	79	s	Zurich	25	77	s				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low P will push northeastwards with little change in pressure; low Q will spread northeastwards and deepen; high K will drift eastwards with little change in pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8:44	6.5	9:05	6.4	Leith	9:39	4.9	10.22	4.8
Aberdeen	9.24	3.7	9.24	3.6	Liverpool	6.08	8.2	6.46	7.9
Avonmouth	1.46	11.1	2.20	10.8	Lowestoft	4.49	2.2	4.41	2.2
Belfast	8.02	3.3	8.49	3.2	Margate	7.07	4.2	7.20	4.1
Cardiff	1.38	10.2	2.10	10.1	Milford Haven	0.54	5.9	1.35	5.7
Devonport	0.20	4.7	1.04	4.6	Newquay	-	-	12.34	5.8
Dover	6.09	5.7	6.29	5.9	Oban	0.53	3.2	1.31	2.9
Dublin (N Wall)	6.42	3.8	7.31	3.6	Penzance	-	-	12.03	4.5
Falmouth	-	-	12.37	4.3	Portland	1.03	1.6	1.50	1.6
Greenock	7.17	3.0	7.58	2.9	Portsmouth	8.11	4.0	8.53	4.4
Harwich	5.41	3.6	7.02	3.5	Shoreham	6.04	5.2	6.41	5.1
Holyhead	5.15	5.0	6.10	4.7	Southampton	5.42	4.0	6.24	4.1
Hull (Albert D)	1.09	6.4	1.16	6.6	Swansea	0.57	8.1	1.20	7.9
Ilfracombe	0.35	7.8	1.09	7.5	Tees	10.44	4.8	11.27	4.6
King's Lynn	1.02	5.5	1.30	5.8	Walton-on-Naze	6.36	3.8	8.56	3.6

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.44 am
Sun sets: 9.17 pm
Moon sets 3.17 pm
Moon rises 1.59 am

London 9.17 pm to 4.44 am
Bristol 9.26 pm to 4.54 am
Edinburgh 9.57 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.37 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.12 am

New moon June 16

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